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LUNG YUN TOLD TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG

Reds Fear He'll Set Up Autonomous Government

ORDER FROM PEKING

General Lung Yun, former Governor of Yunnan Province and now a Deputy in the new People's Central Government, has been ordered not to leave Hong Kong for Yunnan where the authorities have defected to the Communists.

Independent Nationalist sources said last night that the Communists fear General Lung Yun might set up an autonomous government which had for all practical purposes been existing until he was relieved of his governorship by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in 1945.

Yunnan which has always been a thorn in the side of the Nationalists, might turn out to be an equally painful problem for the Communists should General Lung be allowed to resume his reign over the province.

The sources told the "China Mail" that General Lung Yun has at the moment outwitted both the Nationalists and the Communists. With his nephew's (General Lu Han's) co-operation he has trapped a considerable Nationalist force inside the province.

He has also influenced Nationalist Generals Li Mi and Cheng Yu-wan to join the defection and has given them new posts.

Most important, however, is the fact that the General commanding the Communist troops on Yunnan's borders with Kweichow and Szechuen, is a former subordinate officer of General Lung.

He is General Tseng Tse-hsiang who capitulated to the Communists in North China last year. He commands a unit of Communist General Liu Po-cheng's army.

Upper Hand

General Tseng surrendered in North China on condition that he would be given a command in South China for the liberation of Yunnan.

General Tseng's troops, now on the borders of Yunnan, also bar any attempt by the Nationalists to send troops into Yunnan to subdue the defected section.

General Lung Yun now has the upper hand. The Communists cannot secure direct control of Yunnan short of an armed invasion by a considerable number of troops under trusted commanders.

Although the province has defected and a Military Government has been set up by General Lu Han, there is not a single regular soldier of the Communist armies there.

Neither are there any political supervisors of the Communists in the Province.

Plans Completed

General Lu Han has pledged allegiance to the Communist People's Central Government. He also has proclaimed the enforcement in the Province of the eight cardinal provisional laws of the Communist armies.

He and his uncle, however, want Yunnan to be governed by the Yunnanese, not by any outsider.

General Lung Yun has completed plans to fly to Kunming but his trip to his native province has been postponed by the latest instructions from Peking.

Independent Nationalist sources said yesterday that General Lu Han's friendly attitude towards Major-General Claire Chennault's Civil Air Transport company is intended to get on the right side of the company to facilitate chartered flights into and out of the province by Yunnan leaders.

Unconfirmed reports last night said that General Lung Yun, in spite of the Communist order, is making preparations to fly to Kunming via Haiphong by Air France.

General Chang Chun is shown leaving a hotel in Kowloon last night following his arrival in the Colony from Kunming. —(Mayfair Photo).

General Chang Chun Arrives In Colony

General Chang Chun, the former director of the South West Pacification Headquarters who was previously reported to have been trapped in Kunming by the defecting Nationalists there, arrived from the Yunnan capital via Haiphong by a Trans Asiatic Airways' aircraft yesterday afternoon.

General Chang who was sent to Kunming by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek before General Lu Han defected to the Chinese Reds, arrived at Kunming on December 9 together with two Nationalist generals, Li Mi and Yu Cheng-wan.

Upon his arrival here yesterday he told members of the Press that throughout his two-day stay in Kunming, he was residing at General Lu Han's private residence but he did not meet General Lu.

On the night of his arrival at General Lu's residence, General Lu was busying entertaining members of the U.S. Consulate and some Civil Air Transport personnel. When the entertainment had ended, special martial law was proclaimed throughout Kunming.

"Earlier," General Chang said, "when my special Chinese Air Force aircraft which had brought me to Kunming from Chengtu arrived at Kunming airfield, I noticed that the airfield was closed to air traffic."

"On the following day Kunming newspapers failed to appear on the streets." He said, "I was later informed by two officials of the Yunnan Provincial Government that General Lu had led the entire Yunnan province to the Chinese Communists."

General Chang whose original assignment in Kunming was to discuss Yunnan's defence problems with General Lu Han, then requested that he be allowed to leave Kunming for Taiwan.

Permitted To Leave

Through General Lu's aid, he was permitted to leave the Yunnan capital. One Trans Asiatic Airways' aircraft which was detained with three Civil Air Transport aircraft between December 9 and 10, was further detained by General Lu Han for one more day in order to airlift General Chang out of Yunnan on Sunday.

Two members of the Yunnan Provincial Government were at the airfield when General Chang left.

Before arriving here the aircraft called at Haiphong where it stayed overnight on Sunday.

Asked what he thinks of Yunnan's sudden changeover, General Chang said that as he had not read newspapers for three days, he could not very well say.

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The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the typhoon centred about 200 miles NNW of Manila is moving NW at 10 to 15 knots. A weak ridge of high pressure extends from Korea to South of Japan. There is possibly an Eastward moving depression over the lower Yangtse.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate NE winds, fresh at times. Fair.

Yesterday's Weather:—

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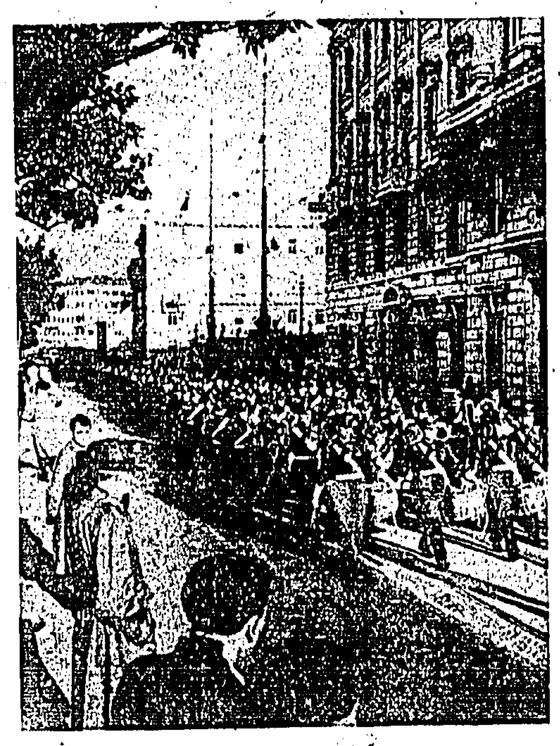
Cameronians Leave Trieste For HK



The First Battalion of the Cameronians (the Scottish Rifles) left Trieste in the troopship Lancashire for Hong Kong. They had been stationed in Trieste since December 1948. Photo shows the Cameronians parading through the streets of Trieste on their way to the docks. (AP Photo).

Soviets Keep Firm Grip On Dairen

On their way to their homes in Western Germany, 17 Germans from Dairen, passed through Hong Kong yesterday on board a Pan American World Airways' aircraft from Japan.

Consisting mostly of women and children, the group formed part of the 65 Germans who had evacuated from the Soviet-held Southern Manchurian port.

The Germans were evacuated from Dairen with five other European nationals. They had applied for permission to leave Dairen four years ago and on November 18, a Soviet vessel, the ss. Umba, brought the party to Kure in Japan.

From Japan, the Germans are travelling to Western Germany in three groups. All their travelling expenses are being paid by the Western German government.

According to one of the men, the Soviets were bosses in Dairen and the Chinese Communists, who on the surface seemed to go along pretty well with their Soviet comrades, were actually not satisfied with the Russians.

"What the Chinese Reds want is complete control of Dairen which they were not getting," the German said.

Everywhere in Dairen, in factories, Government offices and other important centres, Soviets hold key positions whereas the Chinese Reds were merely playing the second fiddle.

"There were as many Russian soldiers in Dairen as Americans in Japan," he added.

"The only armed Chinese were the members of the Dairen police force which seemed to have too many men."

Since October this year, Dairen flew the new Chinese flag side by side with the Soviet flag.

Japs In Dairen

There were still some 800 Japanese in Dairen when the European repatriate left there in November. Mostly technicians, the Japanese worked in factories and their pay was better than that of the Chinese. Russian technicians however, received far better pay than did the Japanese. But, there were two types of Russian technicians although they all hold Soviet papers.

The treatment the former White Russians received was about the same as that accorded the Japanese technicians.

Unlike the pre-war days, Dairen today is an unhappy port with few means of transportation and very few ships in her harbour. The few ships were mainly Russian ships from Vladivostok.

Asked how the Germans lived in Dairen, one German said that during the first few months of Dairen's liberation, many Germans were arrested on spy charges. And, in December 1945, quite a large number of these Germans were transported to Russia.

"At that time Russian officers very often visited German homes and chatted with us," he added.

The Russian soldiers' behaviour was very bad until recently. Many of these soldiers were Mongolians.

Soviet Motor Car

A few years after the war ended a new type of Russian-made automobile which is called the Moskva appeared on the Dairen market. The car which resembled very much the pre-war German-made Opel Olympic cost about 750,000 Kwangtung Banknotes each.

A few of these cars were sold to some wealthy Chinese.

Until last year, Dairen's official currency was the Soviet Occupational Notes. Later these notes were replaced by the Chinese Communist Kwangtung Banknotes which were only useful in the Kwangtung Peninsula.

There was no official rate of exchange for United States dollars but on the market one could change one U.S. dollar for 1,000 Chinese Communist notes. At one time the rate of exchange went down to 2,500 Communist notes to one U.S.

"Food was cheap but scarce. One could hardly get the amount he wanted," the Germans said.

Two Germans are still remaining in Dairen at their own will.

The second group of the German repatriates will pass through the Colony sometime after five days and the last group will be on its way to Germany after one week.

Most of the Germans have their homes in Hamburg. They all said that they are glad to be out of Dairen.

U.S. Equipment Shipped To Taiwan

Manila, December 12.

An unimpeachable official source said today that reports have been received here that the United States has sent large quantities of equipment to Taiwan presumably to aid in the defence of that Nationalist island bastion.

The source said this means the United States is taking positive action to counteract or ward off the Communist danger confronting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's stronghold.

He said the equipment was carried in several boats, but did not specify any of the items.

The source said this report was reassuring to the Philippines.

The source declined to be identified.—United Press.

INDIAN ENVOY ON CHINESE REDS

Madras, December 12.

Sardar K.M. Panikkar, India's Ambassador to China, declared here today that the nations could not shut their eyes to the existence of China, which was "an undoubtedly major fact in Asian history now." He added: "A great country has been united under one leadership with its authority established in so large and vital an area."—Reuter.

NEW AUSTRALIAN GOV'T TO BOOST PRODUCTION

Melbourne, December 12.

Australia's new Liberal-Country Party Government will go "flat out" in a great drive to develop all phases of the country's production, circles in close touch with Mr. Menzies, Premier designate, said today.

A development plan, which Mr. A. W. Fadden, the Country Party leader, outlined in his policy speech and which will be financed by a A£250,000,000 fund, will be made the responsibility of a senior minister.

He is expected to be given wide powers of planning and administration and also deal with immigration, which is regarded as an important factor in the development plans.

Mr. J.B. Chifley, defeated Labour Premier, will be the leader of the Opposition in Australia's new Parliament, it was learned today. There had been rumours that he was not inclined to accept the job.

It was learned that Mr. Menzies' statement is likely to make an early review of appointments to high posts. Criticism in Parliament of appointments and statements made during recent election campaigns have suggested the possibility of changes.

Mr. Menzies had said no more than that the government would acquire "the best possible diplomatic service in genuinely vital places."

Appointments made by the Chifley Government include that of Mr. Norman Makin, Australian Ambassador, to the United States, Mr. Frank M. Forde, High Commissioner to Canada, and Mr. C. Faust, High Commissioner to Ceylon.

Clearing Desks

Ministers in Australia's defeated Labour Government today began clearing desks and drawers in their offices to make way for their successors.

Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the defeated Labour Prime Minister, today had by telephone his first post-election talk with Mr. Robert Gordon Menzies, the leader of the victorious Liberal-Country Party Coalition.

Mr. Chifley is in Canberra to complete the arrangements for the handing over of power and Mr. Menzies is expected there on Wednesday—the day of the last meeting of the outgoing Ministers.

The latest unofficial analysis of the general election votes on Saturday, in which the Liberal-Country Party Coalition defeated the Chifley Government—the second British Commonwealth Labour Government to be thrown out within a fortnight—is as follows:

Liberals: 53 seats. Country Party: 20 Labour: 47 (and possibly 48).

The "Melbourne Herald" says that the Liberals will probably have 13 or 14 members of the Cabinet and the Country Party five or six.

Mr. Chifley returned to Canberra last night from his home town of Bathurst, New South Wales, and tomorrow he will see the Governor-General, Mr. William J. McKell, to inform him officially of the election result.

The Liberal Prime Minister-designate, Mr. Menzies, is expected to take about a week to form his Cabinet. The leader of the Country Party, Mr. A.W. Fadden, is flying from Brisbane to Melbourne tomorrow for Cabinet-making talks with Mr. Menzies.

The "Melbourne Herald" says though Mr. Menzies would like to take the portfolio for External Affairs (Foreign Minister), the heavy duties of the Premiership and the necessity for frequent trips abroad make this impossible.

Mr. Paul Hasluck, former Australian representative to the United Nations, and Mr. John McEwan, are two prospects for this key post, according to the Herald.

Mr. R. G. Casey, a wartime member of the British Cabinet, is also mentioned as a possible Foreign Minister.

"Dollar Committee"

Mr. Fadden is expected to seek control of the Treasury. Sir Earl Page, former Prime Minister and a distinguished surgeon, is expected to become Minister of Health.

According to the "Melbourne Sun," the Liberal-Country Party Cabinet is expected to appoint a "dollar committee" early next month to examine Australian controls associated with the British Commonwealth dollar shortage.

Other first moves likely are:

The abolition of petrol rationing. Repeal of the Bank Nationalistion Act. The appointment of a Commonwealth Bank Board to control the Commonwealth Bank; and an amendment to the Social Services scheme to provide child endowment for the first child.

A referendum proposing an alteration of the Australian Constitution to prevent that socialisation of any industry without reference to the people will be held about the middle of 1950, according to Mr. P. C. Spender, a Minister in Mr. Menzies' wartime Cabinet.

He said today that the referendum could not be held earlier because the Constitution imposed a restriction in this type of legislation. Mr. Spender, a lawyer, is tipped as the Attorney General in the new Cabinet.—Reuter.

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Terrorists In Malaya Kill 16 Policemen

Singapore, December 12.

Sixteen members of a Malayan police jungle squad, including a Eurdpean assistant-superintendent, were killed and nine injured in a terrorist ambush between Jelebu and Seremban in Negri Sembilan, today.

An official announcement said that the guerillas set fire to the three vehicles in which the squad was travelling.—Reuter.

Typhoon Moves Into China Sea

Manila, December 12.

Flood warnings for Central and Northern Luzon rivers were issued by the Weather Bureau as typhoon Camilla swept back out to sea after battering the mountainous area North of Manila with 75 miles an hour winds last night and today.

No casualty reports were received thus far.

The Philippines National Red Cross said lack of reports on storm damage was attributed to disrupted communications.

The typhoon was expected to be centred in the China Sea 150 miles North West of Vigan, Ilocos Sur Province, by 8 a.m., tomorrow, local time, moving North West at 10 knots.

Heavy rain fell North of Manila during the early hours of today but no floods were reported in this vicinity.

The typhoon swept from the South East to the North West across Luzon, striking the coastline in the vicinity of Baler Bay and passing North of Lingayen Gulf on the West Coast.

Weather forecasters in Tokyo said Typhoon Camilla probably will be centred in the South China Sea 100 miles North West of Lingayen Gulf by 9 p.m. today. There is no indication it will strike Taiwan, although Hong Kong possibly might be affected in another 48 hours.

(The Royal Observatory in Hong Kong reported last night that the typhoon, at 8 p.m., was centred within 60 miles of Latitude 18.5 degrees North, Longitude 120 degrees East, moving North Westward at 10 knots.)

No Change In Chengtu Situation

Reports from Chengtu yesterday indicated no change in the situation there.

The Communists are apparently waiting for the main Nationalist force to complete withdrawal from the Chengtu area before making any move to enter the city.

Chinese Press reports said that the Chengtu garrison has taken over the defences of the city from General Hu Tsung-nan.

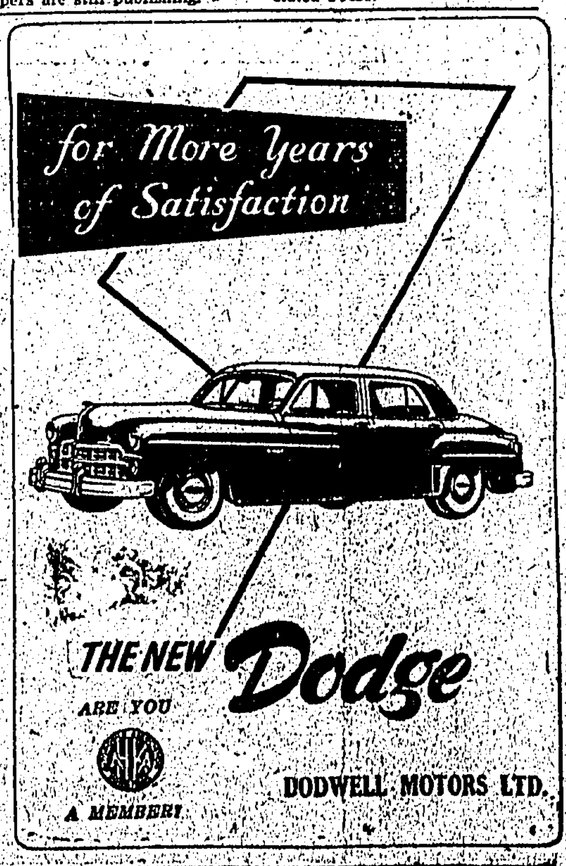
The city remains tense with military and police units patrolling the city constantly. Six newspapers are still publishing.

POPE'S ADDRESS

Vatican City, December 12.

Pope Pius expressed the hope today that the 1950 Holy Year would bring back to the Catholic Church those who have been separated from it.

The Pope spoke to Cardinals of the Church in a secret consistory called to name three papal delegates who, with the Pontiff, will open the doors of Rome's four major churches on Christmas Eve to begin the Holy Year.—Associated Press.



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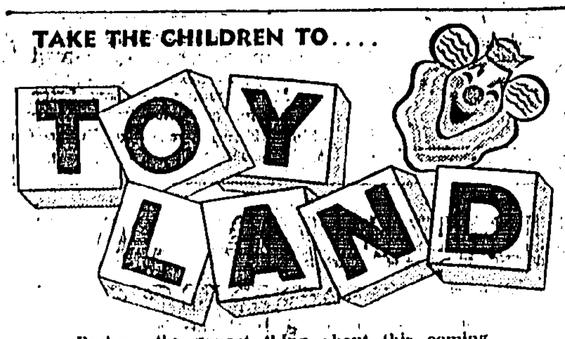

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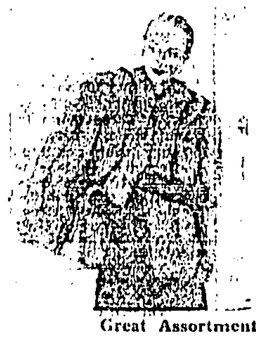

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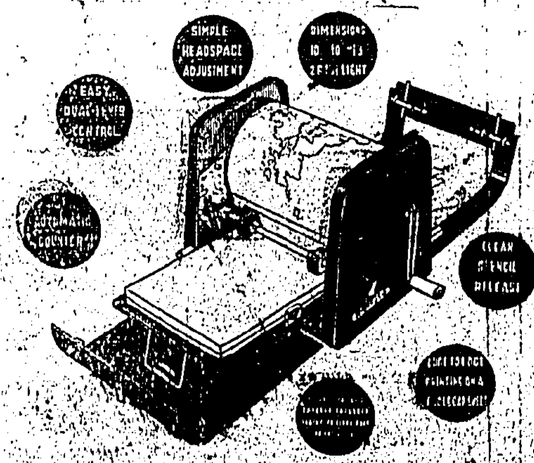

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Key Money

Sir,—Now the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947 has been extended for another year. The omnipotence of the landlords has already been experienced by tenants or sub-tenants, who have been compelled by the operation of the law to pay key money and rents ten times the standard rent. The system has conferred so many rights and privileges on those who batten on unearned increment from real estate that simple tenants and sub-tenants cannot have much to say about the tyranny of the rich.

Our only hope now lies in the vigilance of the Quartering Authority and the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. These two departments of the Government can investigate the key money rackets and over-charge of rents, and can requisition premises and unoccupied houses.

Although the punishment of guilty landlords is too light to be a deterrent to the unscrupulous, some action in the way of prosecution or requisitioning would at least show that this Colony is not governed by and for the wealthy.

It must be remembered that we are now immediate neighbours of a regime with calls for the downfall of those who exploit the poor and enrich themselves with what Marx regarded as surplus value.

A TENANT.

Father Ryan To Lecture

Father Ryan will deal with a peculiarly English contribution to music when he speaks tonight in the British Council's series of lectures at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

The solo song has always been one of the most popular forms of music in England as it has a large part in its musical history.

Ballads and ballad singers were known long before Shakespeare's day English lute songs were famous throughout Europe in the time of Elizabeth, and in the musically blank years of the Eighteenth Century England's musical reputation was saved almost entirely by its songs.

Two kinds of songs have always been popular in England, the robust song of the sea and the sentimental song in which the music accentuated the tenderness of the words.

A sense of humour fortunately prevented the latter from degenerating to mawkishness.

The lecture will be given at 5.30 p.m. today, not on Wednesday, the usual day.

EWO COTTON MILLS DIVIDEND

A Dividend of 40 Hong Kong cents per share was declared at the annual general meeting of the Ewo Cotton Mills, Limited, at Shanghai on December 9.

Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, General Managers for the Company, added yesterday that the date on which payment of the dividend will be made will be fixed later.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

Thomas Robert Richards, Jr., of the American Express Company, residing at 208 Stewart Terrace, The Peak, and Miss Alpina Kosmach, secretary, en route to Hong Kong, have announced their forthcoming wedding.

Christmas Concert By HK Light Orchestra

The Hong Kong Light Orchestra will open Christmas activities with a Grand Christmas Carol Concert at the Gripps, Hong Kong Hotel, on Sunday at 9 p.m.

The Governor will be among the distinguished guests at the Concert.

The Orchestra and Choir will be conducted by Victor Ardy and led by Stanley King, and, in keeping with the time of the year, the Orchestra will present a programme of light orchestral music as follows:—

March "Knightsbridge" (In Town Tonight) From the London Suite by Eric Coates; "Christmas Overture" S Coleridge-Taylor; Valse Triste" from Arvid Jarnfeldts Drama Kuolema by Jean Sibelius, "Clair De Lune" Debussy; Selection "Gipsy Love" Franz Lehar; "Savoy Christmas Medley" arranged Debroy Somers. Musical Sketch "Patsy" W.H. Myddleton. "Procession of the Sardar, No IV The Caucasian Sketches" N.N. Ippolitov—Ivanov; Selection "Student Prince" Sigmund Romberg.

A Carol Choir of some 100 Choristers will render Christmas Carols accompanied by the Orchestra, by kind permission of the Principals of the French Convent School; The Sacred Heart School and the Wah Yan College.

Richard Lin, well known tenor; George Lin jr, clarinet, and Fritz Lin; cello; will contribute to the evenings entertainment.

Richard Lin will sing "The Christmas Song" by A Adams accompanied at the piano by Mrs. George Lin.

Fritz Lin (cello) will play the "Fourth Concerto in G Major Andantino" by G. Golterman.

A trio formed by Fritz; George jr; and Mrs. George Lin will render the "Trio IV in B Flat Major O.P. 11" by Ludwig Van Beethoven.

Lin Family

George Lin jr; and Fritz Lin are 15 and 14 years old, respectively. Both are students of the Diocesan Boys' School and have earned the highest honours in the Hong Kong schools' music competitions this year.

They belong to the Lin Family Orchestra. Their mother will accompany them at the concert. The entire Lin family will appear with the Hong Kong Light Orchestra at a later concert.

Another artist Bert Gillette, (Hammond Organ) who needs no introduction, will give 12 minutes of selected music, also in keeping with the time of the year.

Arrangements will be made for a Bar and Buffet at the Concert, and as last year the Orchestra can promise the public a fine evening's entertainment, one worthy of Hong Kong.

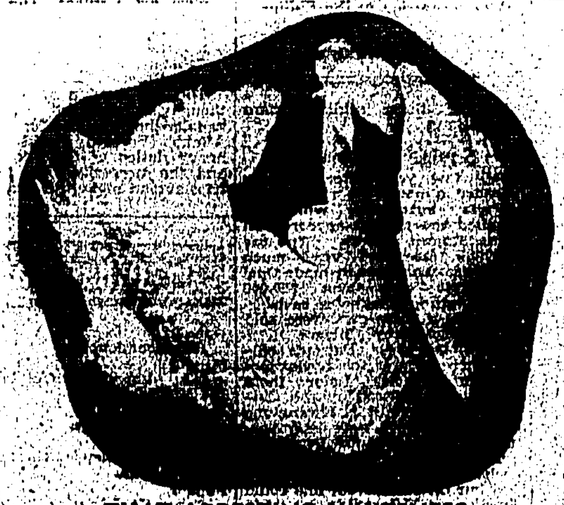
Reservations can be made at Moutries' in Chater Road, and at the Hong Kong Hotel, and the public are advised to book early.

NEW ZEALANDER'S BANK ACCOUNT TO BE INSPECTED

On the application of Detective Sub-Inspector James Hidden an order for authority to search and inspect the bank account of John Reginald Stewart at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank was granted by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Stewart, a New Zealander and wireless operator, is alleged to have obtained $2,000 in United States currency from a shop at 1 Peking Road on November 25 presenting an invalid cheque for HK$12,700 issued on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Defendant, who was charged on December 6 with the offence, was remanded until Thursday.



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Inquest Into Fatal Accident

How a private car driven by G. W. Paterson of Taikoo Docks on the night of November 11 knocked down and killed an amah was recounted at an inquest yesterday.

Mr. A. D. Scholes sat as coroner assisted by a jury of two men and a woman.

Traffic Inspector M. Clark who conducted the inquiry, said that on November 11 at 8.40 p.m. Mr. Paterson was driving his car along King's Road to his quarters.

It was drizzling. When Mr. Paterson was approaching the National Lacquer Paint Company he saw a woman near the tram line about 15 feet from his car. Mr. Paterson applied his brakes but the woman was knocked down.

Mr. Paterson then took the woman in his car and drove to the Bay View Police Station, and later to the Tung Wah Hospital. When the party arrived at the hospital the woman was dead.

Mr. Paterson in evidence said that he did not see the amah until he was within 15 feet of her. He said that he had been driving for 15 years.

Dr. James Wong of the Tung Wah Hospital said that Paterson brought the woman to hospital. The woman was dead on arrival. In his opinion the deceased died of shock.

Mr Scholes adjourned the case to 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

Ran School Without Permission

The Chairman of the Dairy Farm Employees' Association, Leung Wing, was bound over by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday on a charge of maintaining a school without permission or a certificate of registration from the Direction of Education in Hong Kong.

Sub-Inspector Dewar said that on information received three inspectors from the Education Department visited 47, Lee Garden Street, third floor, on September 12 They found 40 children in a large room which had a time-table on the wall showing the various subjects taught to the students.

On a desk, there were song sheets, two attendance books, a registration book for new pupils and a receipt book. The teacher was not in the room at the time and could not be found.

In asking the Court to take a serious view of the summons, Inspector Dewar said "The subjects taught in the school would not be tolerated by the Education Department under any circumstances and if an application had been made for the registration of the school it would not have been granted as the premises were unsuitable for a school." Since the raid the premises had been closed by the Education Department.

Leung Wing said that the pupils of the school were the children of members of the Dairy Farm Employees' Association. The members could not afford to send their children to a lawful school as the fees were high. The classes were merely to enable them to learn a few characters and to keep the children off the streets and make them into law-abiding citizens.

In binding Leung Wing over in $500 for two years, Mr. Tam said that since he was Chairman of the Association Leung should see to it that the offence did not occur again.

CAF Plane Still In HK

The Chinese Air Force medium bomber which made an emergency landing here on Sunday was still at Kai Tak airport yesterday after she was refueled by Civil Air Transport.

According to an official of CAT, the CAF crew planned to fly the plane to Hoihow, their original destination. But on account of bad weather at Hoihow, the plane was grounded here yesterday.

The B-25 bomber, made an emergency landing here on Sunday when she ran out of petrol.

She had eight crew members and five passengers including two women and two children. She was flying from Chengtu to Hoihow to evacuate dependants of the CAF.

Her crew and passengers were taken care of by the local CAT office.

Smugglers Hit By Red Occupation Of Kwangtung

Smugglers who flourished in the days when import restrictions in China made entry of goods through legal channels impossible, have fallen upon hard times since the Communists occupied Kwangtung.

The biggest blow has been the closing of normal water communications between the Colony and neighbouring ports.

This has left the Kowloon-Canton Railway open as the only safe route for the movement of cargo.

Smugglers had always used the railway as a main smuggling route, but since the Communist take-over, this mode of evading payment of duty has stopped.

People now resort to taking the permissible quantity of goods, which is HK$200 in value for each person, on the trains, and pay the legal duty where they cannot slip through—and so far very few slipped through.

Passing in single file through Customs searchers before one is allowed to board the train at Shumchun across the border, passengers are also under the scrutiny of a squad of Communist soldiers detailed to help the searchers. Anyone carrying a suspicious-looking package may be hailed by these soldiers for a further check.

1938 Tariff

Duty is levied on the 1938 Customs tariff which these travelling traders, or smugglers when they can't slip through, prefer to pay rather than run the risk of hijacking by robber bands preying on land routes or junks.

The obvious handicap on movement of goods by train is the limitation of quantity. The more adventurous have resorted to land and sea routes via Shayuchung and not a few have been sorely bitten and found themselves at the losing end even when they manage to pay their way through.

First sign of corruption among Communist searchers and guards has been reported by some smugglers, but it has yet a long way to go before it reaches the stage when, as in "the good old days," in consideration of a certain payment, one can guarantee safe passage from starting point to point of ultimate destination in Canton.

Bribe paid at one station does not yet ensure that the authorities at the other end would recognise such payment, and the owner of the goods is instead charged with evasion of duty and penalised accordingly, as some have found out to their cost.

Biggest Stumbling Block

But by and large the biggest stumbling block is the almost complete stoppage of business in Canton, where merchants in most cases just manage to sell enough goods to pay the day's expenses.

"It's just a matter of time when we will eat up all our capital. Why lay in further stock, however cheap it may be?" is what most shopkeepers would tell their smuggler-friends who, less than half a year ago had brought them all they wanted from Hong Kong.

And so the erstwhile all-powerful smuggling fraternity is reduced to inactivity, not so much by fear of the risks to be encountered, but by the all powerful factor of economic conditions—the throttling of every-day business that sustains the life of any modern city.

Evacuation Plane Crash At Hoihow

Hoihow, December 11.

Nineteen persons were killed last night and 31 injured when an evacuation plane from Chengtu crashed at Huenglu-ling, two miles from Hoihow.

The military transport, a C-46, ran out of fuel and crashed into a small hill only one mile from the airfield in heavy weather. The wings came off and the craft overturned. The pilot, Yang Shih-jui, the co-pilot, radio operator and two mechanics were among those killed.

There were 68 passengers on board, including 22 of the Central News Agency staff and the remainder from the Ministry of Defence and the Central Bank. Central News editor Tang Chih-ching and his staff, with the exception of three who are missing, were taken to hospitals. Eighteen persons were sent to the American Presbyterian Hospital and 12 to the Hainan Hospital.

The Air Force said no list of the passengers was available.

One of the passengers said the situation at Chengtu when they left was critical, with many persons being unable to leave.—United Press.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The food and fuel index for the week ended December 10 issued by the Labour Office was:—

Rice	1.0 catty	0.6000
Vegetables	1.0 catty	1.7100
Firewood	0.2 catty	0.0540
Oil	0.2 catty	1.4140
Tea	0.3 catty	1.0800
Salt Fish	0.2 catty	1.2270
Fish	0.6 catty	1.8018
Pork	0.4 catty	1.2000
Firewood	10 catties	1.8000
Beef	0.4 catty	1.6000
Total		$13.6010

Action For Damages Dismissed

An action for damages amounting to $52,962.41 brought by the Kwong Yu Bank, of 8 Pedder Street, against the Tai Yuen Hong, bankers and merchants, of 20 Des Voeux Road Central, was dismissed with costs at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, held that execution of the proceedings of the plaintiffs case had been stayed by an order at a hearing in chambers.

A counter-claim by the defendants for $4,000.47 owing by plaintiffs, by way of commission, was adjourned sine die.

The execution of the present judgment was ordered to be stayed for three weeks pending an appeal by the plaintiffs against the decision.

The Kwong Yu Bank was represented by Mr. C. Loseby, KC, on the instructions of Mr. P. L. Lau. Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared on behalf of the Tai Yuen Hong.

The Kwong Yu Bank claimed that the defendants under a contract dated October 6, 1947, for 400 tons of smoked sheet rubber failed to deliver the quality as contracted.

Denies Report Red Airlines' Men Killed

Mr. Regino Yap, Official Spokesman for the pro-Communist elements of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation, in a written statement yesterday denied a report that the General-Managers of CNAC and CATC and the Chief Pilot of CATC died when their Convair crashed near Lanchow while on its way to Peking to join the People's Government.

In the statement the spokesman further asserted that he has not received any report from the liberated areas saying that both Colonels C. Y. Liu (CNAC), Chan Cheok-lam (CATC) and Captain Gordon Poon had died.

"As a matter of fact," the statement said, "the management and the employees of CNAC received a telegram from Mr. C. Y. Liu, dated December 11 at Peking, in which he issued certain administrative instructions for his colleagues to observe here in Hong Kong.

"These men are still very much alive somewhere in now China," the statement concluded.

HK BIOLOGICAL CIRCLE MEETING

A general meeting of the Hong Kong Biological Circle will be held tomorrow, at 5.30 p.m. in the Public Relations Office Lecture Theatre.

The main item on the agenda will be a talk entitled "The Breeding Habits of Tropical Fishes" by Mr. B. E. Sugars.

Following the talk Mr. J. D. Romer will comment briefly on a frog new to the Colony.

Any members of the Forces or of the general public who may be interested are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. Sugars will also be prepared to answer any queries he can regarding the management and breeding of tropical fishes in captivity.

FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realised at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday, were:—

	First quality price	Average price
	a catty	a catty
Other Grouper	$1.45	$1.26
Chapo Fish	1.70	1.71
Snapper	1.60	1.53
White Pomfret (large)	3.60	3.51
Macao Bolo (large)	1.87	1.74
(small)	1.40	1.37
Golden Thread	1.00	1.37
Conger Pike	1.85	1.92
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.88	1.81
(small)	1.65	1.54
Hair Tail	1.90	1.87
Sunday's prices were:—		
Mud Grouper	2.10	2.10
Chapo Fish	1.85	1.80
Snapper	2.05	1.87
White Pomfret (large)	1.42	3.80
Macao Bolo (large)	1.90	1.75
(small)	1.20	1.16
Golden Thread	1.65	1.46
Horse Head (small)	1.41	1.47
Conger Pike	2.04	1.90
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.63	1.57
(small)	1.25	1.23

DONATION

The undermentioned donations to the Union Church Re-building Fund are acknowledged:—

Previously acknowledged	$73,015
Helen Bradley & Co., Ltd.	500
Mr. C. C. Hickling	2,000
Total	$75,515

Action For Recovery Of Land

The Fulsine Judge, Mr. Justice Gould, yesterday, allowed an action for recovery of possession of an inland lot situated at Marble Road, North Point, which was occupied by the Lee Fung Firm, sugar merchants.

Plaintiff, Mrs. Chan Wai-chun, of 408 Jaffe Road, was represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan. Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios represented the firm.

The plaintiff is the owner of the ground registered as Section A, Inland Lot 3504, which occupies an area of 11,702.22 square feet.

Plaintiff purchased the premises on July, 1941, for $40,228.77. In the latter part of 1941, building operations were started on the lot, but this was interrupted by the war. Plaintiff then went to Macao, leaving no one to take care of the property.

Subsequent to the outbreak of war, the defendants wrongfully took possession of a portion of the lot as well as certain of the unbuilt areas. No rent was paid by defendants to the plaintiff, she claimed.

The sugar merchants in their defence maintained that they became tenants of the property in January 1946, when rent was agreed at $90 per month, the arrangement having been made between them and an alleged agent of the plaintiff. This agent, they claimed, died after receiving three months' rent from them. For the rest of the period, they tried to trace the landlord to pay rent to him, but could not find him.

The Court also granted plaintiff's claim for mesne profits for the last three years limited to $1,000, costs, and possession of the lot within three weeks.

Auction Of Crown Land

Thirty thousand square feet of Crown Land on Deep Water Bay Road was sold by Government at an auction at the Public Works Department yesterday to A. S. Watson and Company Limited for the upset price of $90,000.

There were no other bidders, and the deed of sale was signed by Mr. D. A. F. Mathers on behalf of the purchasers.

The site overlooks Deep Water Bay. Rental will be $630 per annum.

One of the conditions of sale stipulates that $150,000 must be expended by the purchasers in rateable improvements, and another that only a detached residence, European type with garage, may be constructed on the lot.

It is understood that A. S. Watson and Company bought the land in order to build a residence for the firm's manager.

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Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Miss M. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Field, Mrs. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lamerand, Mrs. P. F. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bodkin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lucson, Captain and Mrs. J. F. Raeburn, Mrs. B. Baumont, Captain and Mrs. W. M. Bowes, Messrs. R. Derrick, R. L. Carpenter, C. C. Asher, L. C. Sung, A. Sidney-Wilbot, J. K. Monro, L. S. T. Hill, I. S. Short, F. Matilla, J. E. Forto, W. H. Phillips, W. N. Patman, D. De Leon, E. Lopez, W. N. Jardine, A. T. Robertson, W. A. Stewart and J. Young.

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Among the new week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Leiby, Miss M.E. Daly, Messrs. N. S. Douek, P. P. Singh, R. N. Gale, F. Canlas, J. R. Monroe, J. E. Bishop, and S. T. Thomas.

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Messrs. G. Coppin, P. Norgeu, M. Sargant, and M. Maux left for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

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Mr. C. C. Lin will speak on "Stamps in Communist China" at the Y's Men's luncheon on Thursday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel.

U.S. LAWYER'S OPINION ON LEGALITY OF BLOCKADE

The American shipping company, Isbrandtsen Company Incorporated, New York, intends to continue trading with the blockaded port of Shanghai.

The Company has not denied recent reports that they are collecting from US$90,000 to US$100,000 for each of their ships which successfully take cargoes to Shanghai.

The President of the Company, Mr. Hans Isbrandtsen, requested the President of the American Branch of the International Law Association, Mr. James F. Ryan, to prepare a legal opinion on the legality of the Nationalist blockade, and the right of foreign shipping companies to trade with Communist-held ports.

This report was prepared on November 19, and was made available in Hong Kong yesterday.

In spite of the high profits which the American company is earning from the Chinese Communist trade, they have repeatedly protested Nationalist detention and attacks on their merchant ships while trading with blockaded ports, to the U.S. State Department.

In Mr. Ryan's opinion, under international law, if the United States' government should recognise the right of Nationalist ships to detain or attack American merchant vessels, then the United States has automatically and officially extended de facto recognition to the Chinese Communists.

Mr. Ryan says: "A blockade or port closure is, under international law, an assertion and exercise of a right claimed as a belligerent.

"Therefore, if the recognised foreign government (Nationalist China) unilaterally asserts and exercises the extraordinary rights of a belligerent it thereby authorises and forces us under international law to give the same rights of a belligerent government to the rebel government (Chinese Communists).

Municipal Laws

Mr. Ryan claims, in addition, that international law does not recognise the municipal laws of a recognised government (Chinese Nationalists) in territory beyond the control of that recognised government.

Therefore, as the Nationalist navy is in areas which are beyond its complete and effective control, the declared blockade of June 23, 1940, is a "paper blockade."

Even granted that the Nationalist navy does have the power to some extent to control merchant shipping to Communist held Chinese ports, until the United States recognises the Chinese Communists as belligerents or as a de facto government, the Nationalists have no right to either seize or arrest United States merchant ships.

Mr. Ryan says: "There must always be two parties in any war. ...When anybody says that belligerent rights are not admitted or conceded, that applies to both sides." (Both to the Nationalists and the Communists.)

He adds that de facto recognition of the Chinese Communists does not depend on extending recognition to that government, but depends only on whether or not they (Chinese Communists) have actual control and are effectively functioning in their occupied areas.

"Non-recognition, which involves closing one's eyes to the fact of war, therefore constitutes intervention in the civil war in support of the legitimate Government."

Therefore, according to Mr. Ryan, the Nationalist China Government has no legal right to enact any municipal law or to issue any municipal order closing Chinese ports against American merchant vessels.

"Lose Face"

He also claims that the Nationalists rejected the United States' State Department protest to cause the United States to "lose face" in the Orient, and to enable Russian trade to proceed to China by railways and highways from Manchuria.

He said that this Nationalist action was predicated to enable the Russians to trade with Communist-held China "without any competition from American vessels or merchants and without any obstruction whatever by any purported blockade."

However, Mr. Ryan did not explain why the Nationalist government would have any interest in establishing a Russian trade monopoly for the Chinese Communists.

He points out that Russian chartered vessels travel unobstructed up the Whangpoo River to Shanghai, and says that there is no authority or precedent in international law recognising a partial blockade as legal—a blockade that wholly exempts Russian trade and traffic into Shanghai and Woosung.

"The fact that the blockade is partial rather than complete clearly prevents the blockade from becoming valid under international law."

Mr. Ryan said that the blockade, as partially enforced, helps the unrestricted Russian invasion of China, and prevents help from being given by the United States and Great Britain to the Chinese people by trade or otherwise to help in stemming the Russian invasion or to encourage the Chinese people to continue their own efforts to maintain their independence and freedom to resist the otherwise unobstructed Russian invader.

It is thought that Mr. Ryan means that a blockade makes Communist-held China more dependent on Russian trade than she would be if she could freely trade with Western countries.

Unlawful Gunfire

Mr. Ryan said "As gunfire is being used unlawfully against American ships like the Flying Cloud in an effort to thwart American rights under international law and under the Open Door doctrine.....it seems that the entire United States Government will take charge and will defend itself by all means available.

He recommends that this action should take place through the United Nations—"which is peaceful and effective."

He repudiated what he calls a "novel and ruthless theory that preventing the industrialisation and development of China by shutting off our trade with her, will, in some way, not clearly defined, help the United States."

Mr. Ryan also urged that the United Nations could, as they have in Indonesia, Iran and Israel, by joint action, accomplish a cease-fire or armistice so as to maintain the status quo until by general election in the area involved, or by peace plan agreed upon by the United Nations and the people involved, a stable and peaceful government could be established in China.

Two Isbrandtsen ships are to break the Nationalist blockade to Shanghai in January.

Export Licences For Japan

The Department of Commerce and Industry reiterated yesterday that all exports to Japan must be covered by licences issued by the Department of Supplies and Distribution.

Shipping Companies are advised to insist that before accepting any goods for loading, the exporter produces a licence. It should be noted that this applies equally to goods in transhipment to Japan.

Many Shipping Companies are in the habit of accepting cargo for loading merely on the word of the exporter that he possesses a licence. A reminder is given that this may prove an expensive method of displaying one's confidence in the exporter should he fail to produce the licence.

Reminders

Today

HK Rotary Club luncheon talk by Mr. S. H. Pang, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild meeting 10 a.m.

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Toc H meeting, 50, Macdonnel Road, 8.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Dancing Classes, 2.30 p.m., Mahjong classes, 7 p.m.

Bellilios Public School, Prize Day, 11 a.m.

Cheero Services Club opening by the Governor, Murray Parade Ground, 6.15 p.m.

HK Schools Musical Association concert by the Sino-British Orchestra at Diocesan Boys' School.

Annual general meeting of Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals, at Nethersole Hospital, Bonham Road, 5.15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, screening of film by courtesy of British Council at Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

XMAS LUNCH AT HKWIC

Following the usual custom, the Hong Kong Women's International Club will serve a Xmas Lunch to members on Tuesday and Wednesday December 20 and 21.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend these lunches and help make the gatherings real festivities.

Chief Inspector Shepherd.

Transfer Of Police Officer

Chief Inspector J. Shepherd of the Hong Kong Police Force will shortly leave on a temporary transfer to Taiwan where he will be attached to the British Consulate.

Mr. Shepherd, who came to the Colony with the King's Own Scottish Borderers in 1926, left the Army in 1928 and joined the Hong Kong Police Force as a constable.

Mr Shepherd was promoted to Inspector prior to the outbreak of the Pacific war. After the liberation, he was made Chief Inspector.

During his career, Mr. Shepherd has served in every department of the Police Force.

For two years before the war he was stationed in the New Territories at the time the Japanese were in control of the Chinese side of the border.

Mr. Shepherd arrested a Chinese man in 1940 for the attempted murder of a woman. The man was committed for trial at the Sessions and was sentenced to five years.

Mr. Shepherd was also responsible for the record seizure of arms and ammunition in 1933 in Shaukiwan. The arms were a large quantity of Lewis guns and ammunition. They were destined for the Bangkok revolutionary party.

Interport Footballer

Mr. Shepherd is a footballer of repute and represented Hong Kong against Shanghai. He first played for the Police Club in 1935 and represented Scotland in the International competition. He was a representative of the Police Football Club in the Hong Kong Football Association Council and a member of the Hong Kong Football Association Grounds Sub-Committee, Referees Sub-Committee and the Interport Selection Committee.

When Mr. Shepherd was Secretary of the Police Football Club, the Police team for two years in succession were runners-up in the Shield and League Competitions.

Mr. Shepherd has twice reached the Lawn Bowls Open Singles semi-finals.

Mr. Shepherd twice won the Police Lawn Bowls Singles championship and was runner-up once.

Mr. Shepherd represented Scotland on numerous occasions in the International lawn bowls tournament.

When the Interport series between Hong Kong Police and Shanghai Police was started in 1920, Mr. Shepherd was selected to represent the Hong Kong Force in football, golf and billiards. He was also selected in 1931.

A runner of repute, Mr. Shepherd was a member of the Police Relay team that competed against the Services from 1930 to 1933.

Mr. Shepherd is also a very keen follower of Softball and is the present Vice-President of the Hong Kong Softball Association.

The Preliminary, Intermediate and Associate Examination of The Institute of Book-keepers (London) will be held today at 6 p.m. at Queen's College, 2nd floor, 26 Kennedy Road.

Steamboat Company's Lease On Wharves Not To Be Renewed

The leases of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's two wharves, due to expire at the end of this year, are not to be renewed.

This was revealed at the annual meeting of the Company yesterday by the Chairman, Mr. Li Tse-fong, who added, however, that applications for their use for a determinable period would be favourably considered by Government.

The Chairman reported a net profit of HK$69,226.08 for the year ended December 31, 1940.

He said:

"I am happy to be in a position to report that the profit on working for the year is HK$170,781.05; and the net profit after making provisions for directors' and auditors' fees, depreciation on wharves, payment of bank interest on the pre-war overdraft, and the special payment to the Canton Land Bureau in connection with the Company's properties in that city, is $69,226.08, which your directors have considered advisable to carry forward to a new account.

"In the course of the year under review we have managed to liquidate some of the liabilities which were brought forward from last year's accounts.

"With regard to our claims against the Hong Kong Government for the vessels which were requisitioned and sunk during the war I regret the necessity of having to repeat that we continue to mark time awaiting settlement.

"On October 19 the Colonial Secretary informed the Company that the subject of the claims was being urgently hastened forward. "Your directors hope to be in a position to report more favourably on this subject at the next meeting of shareholders of the Company.

Wharf Leases

"The Hong Kong Government's leases of the Company's two wharves expire on December 31 and the Company has been given to understand not to expect a renewal of the leases after that date.

"We have, however, been informed that applications for permits to use the properties for a determinable period thereafter will receive favourable consideration. We have made the applications and now await Government's decision.

"Our properties are being kept in serviceable condition, but the wharves in Hong Kong and in Macao require attention immediately if we are to avoid heavier reconditioning expenditures later on. We are now waiting for the receipt of Government's reply to our applications regarding the use of the wharves before engaging in any major repair undertaking.

"The sum of $48,000 has been written off from the list of sundry creditors. This sum of money represents an item of expenditure earmarked for payment, but by virtue of the provisions of the Rent (War Period) Relief Ordinance, 1948 the Company has been exempted from payment."

The report and accounts, as presented, were unanimously adopted.

The two retiring Directors, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Li Tse-fong, were re-elected to the Board.

The meeting approved the re-appointment of Messrs. Peat Marwick Mitchell and Company and Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews as auditors of the Company.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Li Tse-fong (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Man-kam Lo, Mr. Li Fook-wo and Mr. G.R. Ross (Directors), Mr. H. da Luz (Secretary), and Messrs. G.J. Lloyd, R.A. Dastur, S.C. Sun and P.T. Luk (shareholders).

Women Constables For HK

Women constables may be introduced into the Hong Kong Police Force after the next financial year which starts on April 1, 1950, a police official stated yesterday.

Some preliminary work has already been undertaken to bring this about, but further ground must be covered before the project can be realised, he said.

If and when such a women's auxiliary unit is formed, he added, the nationality will be restricted to Chinese. There is no plan at present to introduce women European police officers.

The project is designed to ease the strain on Chinese constables and officers in police work involving women. It is felt that women constables will be able to operate more freely and with greater success in this particular field.

Recruiting will only start when financial allocation for the work has been made.

Recruits will probably have to undergo tests like regular constables and officers.

Many countries in the West and in the Far East have women police attached to the regular force, and statistics show that optimism about their ultimate utility has not been misplaced.

At present the Hong Kong police force has on its staff about 25 female searchers, whose business it is to search women suspects.

They are classed as civilian staff and have no official police status. They do not wear uniform.

Registration Of Persons

Registration of persons in its initial stage has proceeded satisfactorily, it was officially stated yesterday.

Full co-operation of employers and of the persons to be registered has resulted in the speed of the operations exceeding expectations.

In the registration of Government Departments in Hong Kong more than 300 persons pass the camera and make their thumb prints an hour.

This represents a 50 per cent increase on the estimated speed.

In the New Territories, more than 36,500 persons have been registered in 13 working days.

Some 80,000 cards have already been completed, and by the middle of the month it is expected that the target output of 10,000 cards a day will be attained.

The achievements are the result of careful explanation of objects and methods to the persons to be registered, before the operations begin, strict training of the staff concerned, and the high degree of enthusiasm and competitive spirit displayed by the different teams into which the staff are organised for the various operations, it was explained.

Chinese Postal Employees Present Wage Demands

The third major labour union in the Colony to seek a pay increase within the last four months presented their demands yesterday.

They were the Chinese Postal Employees Union whose representatives saw Mr. J. H. B. Lee, the Postmaster General, yesterday.

They formally handed him the Union's demand for an overall extra payment of HK$60 a month to each worker, irrespective of grade, as an additional high cost of living allowance.

Reason given for the demand for this extra allowance is that the present scale of pay and allowance is insufficient to meet the present increased cost of living.

The workers also demanded an extra month's pay at the end of the year for all workers.

The right to retire after 10 years service with an ex gratia payment of one year's pay on retirement, based on the scale of pay of the last year, with proportionate increase for longer service, was also sought.

Union Claim

The Postmaster General, contacted by the "China Mail" yesterday, refused to comment on the men's demands or to reveal what they were.

Union officials said the demand was not a last minute decision as it has been under consideration for some time.

They claimed that a check-up on living cost figures of the last few months had shown that the demand was not excessive.

The postal workers' demand followed by less than a month a similar but higher demand made by the powerful Hong Kong Tramway Workers Union, who asked for an overall payment of HK$90 a month to each worker.

No reply has so far been received from the Tramway Company to the demand.

Workers Bitter

The first labour union to start the ball rolling for a pay increase was the Hong Kong Telephone Company Chinese Workers Union who quietly presented their demand to the management in August.

The men asked for an extra monthly payment ranging from HK$75 to HK$115 according to grade.

Nothing was known of the rumbling of labour dissatisfaction until the "China Mail" exclusively announced the demand made by the telephone workers in September.

The telephone workers, the first to seek a pay increase, have lately expressed bitterness over the failure of the Telephone Company management to open negotiations with them.

Engineers' Union

Some of the men have asked for a second demand to be presented to the management if there is no sign of action on the part of the workers.

The Chinese Engineers Institute, one of the most powerful labour organisations in the Colony, have so far remained aloof.

Officials said earlier in the year they had asked the Commissioner of Labour to take up with employers the question of an extra or additional cost of living allowance, but nothing has come of it.

Comment on the current labour demands could not be obtained from the employers concerned, and the Federation of Employers have declined to say anything in the matter.

REQUISITIONING

A small area of waste land near 10½ milestone, Castle Peak Road (Lots Nos. 239 to 242, 249 and 250 in D.D. 370) was requisitioned for the Army yesterday. (Gaz.)

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Tender Forms and permission to view will only be issued from Section 1.A of the Naval Store Department, H.M Dockyard, Hong Kong, on the payment of a deposit of H.K.$500.00 from Monday to Wednesday, December 12 to 14, 1949. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Completed Tender Form should be returned by hand, not later than NOON, on Thursday, December 15, 1949.

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NOTICE

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All members of the staff of the Registration Branch of this Department who may have contact with the public have been issued with Personal Cards, signed by me, bearing their names, personal reference numbers, signatures, photographs and thumb prints. Any person who state that he is a member of the staff of the Branch, or who may take any action purporting to be action authorised by me, should be asked to produce his Personal Card for inspection. If any such person should fail to produce his Personal Card on request, or should produce a card not bearing the particulars mentioned above, the matter should be immediately reported to the Police.

(Sgd.) W. G WORMAL
Commissioner of Registration.

Registration Branch,
Department of Statistics.

December 10, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

All holders of arms licences are reminded that their licences are due for renewal on January 1, 1950. Renewal fee: $20.

Applications for renewal should be made to the Officer-in-charge of Arms, Central Police Station. Failure to apply for renewal of licences by January 31, 1950, may result in prosecution and confiscation of the arms.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

December 12, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

On Wednesday, November, 30th 1949, at the junction of Tai Po Road and Nam Chang Street, a Chinese woman, name unknown, fell from the rear of lorry No. 8302 which was in motion, and received fatal injuries.

Any persons witnessing the accident or who can give any information regarding the accident, are asked to communicate with the Traffic Office, Kowloon, Telephone numbers 50735 and 58629 or with any other Police Station.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

December 5, 1949.

HONG KONG KENNEL CLUB

At the meeting of the H.K.K.C. Committee on the 9th December, it was decided after further consideration to cancel the forthcoming Dog Show which was limited to the Island of Hong Kong only.

Apart from insufficient entries to justify the services of an overseas Judge, the Committee unanimously feel that with the continued increase in rabies such a Show would be inadvisable.

The approximately one hundred Exhibitors who have already paid their entry fees, can obtain return of same on application to the Hon. Secretary —H.K.K.C.

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(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hong Kong.)

At the Annual General Meeting of this Company held in Shanghai on Friday, December 9, 1949, the Report and Accounts for the Year Ended December 31, 1948, were adopted, and a dividend of HK$0.40 per share was declared.

The date on which payment of the above dividend will be made will be notified in the Press shortly.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, Dec. 12, 1949.

ALICE MEMORIAL & AFFILIATED HOSPITALS

(NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL)

The Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals (Nethersole Hospital) will be held on Wednesday, December 14th 1949, at 5.15 p.m., in the Nethersole Hospital, Bonham Road, Tea will be served at 5. p.m.

R.M. ALDERTON.
Secretary.

NOTICE

A.A. GUN PRACTICE

The Military authorities announce that A.A. gun practice will take place from Brick Hill gun site on Tuesday 13 December, Wednesday 14 December and Thursday 15 December 1949 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

This will result in bursts over the sea South of Lamma Island and South of Stanley Peninsula. Arrangements have been made for the patrol of areas affected in order to ensure that vessels, ships, aircraft and persons are not exposed to danger.

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BUS DRIVER FINED FOR DANGEROUS DRIVING

Lieutenant-Colonel R. R. Gillespie, of the Royal Engineers, gave an eye-witness account of the traffic accident which occurred near the 11-mile stone mark, Castle Peak Road, on November 19 when a bus and a military lorry rolled down the side of the road, when he testified for the prosecution in the case against Li Yin, Kowloon Motor Bus Company driver, who was charged with dangerous and careless driving before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. B. N. Cooper represented the defendant, while Traffic Sub-Inspector Yeung Yuk cheung prosecuted.

Colonel Gillespie said that on the morning of November 19 he was driving in his car toward Tsun Wan from the New Territories when after passing the Dairy Farm Roadhouse he saw a military lorry, followed by a civilian car, ahead of him. He saw the lorry stop and the civilian car bumped into its rear.

On Wrong Side

Suddenly he saw a bus on the wrong side of the road rip into the lorry, turn left diagonally, topple over on its side and roll down the hillside. At the same time another military lorry which the bus was trying to overtake was also forced down the hillside.

Witness then left his car and went to aid of the passengers some of whom were apparently injured.

Private R. Taylor, 27th Company, RASC, said that he was the driver of the military lorry forced down the hillside.

Private Echhabir Poon, Ghurkas Rifles, said that he was the driver of the Kowloon-bound military lorry hit by the bus.

Private C. Nangle, 27th Company, RASC, said that he was the driver of another lorry in a convoy of five just behind the one driven by Taylor. He said that he was overtaken by defendant's bus before the accident.

Finding defendant guilty on dangerous driving Mr. d'Almada fined defendant $950 or two months' imprisonment.

Junk Master In Court

Ngai Shing, aged 40, master of the vessel "Hoi On," was given the option of a fine of $300 or two months by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to detain passengers before the vessel was inspected by Immigration Officers.

Cheung Shui-ko, aged 33, compradore of the vessel, was fined $300 or two months on a charge of aiding and abetting the master.

Li Sang, aged 43, and Lam Tak-kwai, aged 37, were each fined $500 or four months when they pleaded guilty to charges of obstructing police officers in the execution of their duty; approaching within 30 yards of a vessel prior to clearance and with unlawfully carrying passengers.

Twelve other persons, including two women, were each fined $25 or a week for leaving the vessel before being examined by Immigration Officers.

Inspector Hollingshead stated that the vessel arrived in Stanley from Swatow on December 11. The passengers were taken away by sampans.

Defendants were all of good character and some of them have Hong Kong addresses.

The junk people had been warned by constables time and again that it was illegal to land passengers without being first examined by Immigration Officers.

Court Brevities

R. A. Pollock, Able Seaman of HMS Comus, failed to appear before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday to answer charges of assault and disorderly conduct and the case was remanded a week.

Inspector Wheeler for the prosecution said that in the early hours yesterday morning Pollock assaulted Sub Inspector R. R. Jones in Hennessy Road at the junction of Luard Road and behaved in a disorderly manner. Inspector Wheeler added that the defendant was with HMS Comus which sailed yesterday.

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Thomas Ward, aged 23, telephonist of HMS Tamar, pleading not guilty to two charges of assault and guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct, was remanded till January 11 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Inspector Wheeler said that Ward assaulted Yu Kan near the China Fleet Club and then assaulted a Police constable at Arsenal Street near the Club on Saturday afternoon. The third charge against Ward was that while in the Eastern Police Station at 7 p.m. on Saturday he behaved in a disorderly manner.

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For making a false report to the police and causing a public mischief, Chan Chun, 25-year-old woman, was bound over in $100 for a year by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

It was stated that on Saturday defendant made a report to Shamshuipo Police Station that she had been robbed of a gold wristwatch and a ring by four men, leading the police to conduct an investigation which disclosed that she had actually been cheated of her property.

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On a charge of keeping an unregistered boarding house at 306 Portland Street, Chan Siu-shing was fined $1,600 by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Twelfth Race Meeting

Saturday — 17th December, 1949.

There are eight races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (6 Races—$16) May be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" (over 100,000 tickets sold to date) to be run at the Annual Race Meeting in January, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the "Peace Memorial Cup" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradors Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure except for passing through en route to their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

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GETS THE LEAD LATER

FUNDAMENTALLY, the hold-up play has just one underlying purpose. Its use is prescribed whenever having the lead at some later stage seems more important than having it right after the immediate trick. But the conditions which make that tactic advisable can vary tremendously. Probably 90 per cent of all hold-up plays are made by declarers during play at No Trumps. But in some circumstances such a play is just as vital to success with a trump contract.

	S 9 8 3 H 10 9 3 D K J 9 5 C A K 7	
S J 2 H K 7 6 D A 10 4 2 C 10 6 5 3	N W E S	S K Q 10 6 H 8 4 D 7 3 C Q J 9 8 2
	S A 7 5 4 H A Q J 5 2 D Q 8 6 C 4	

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable).

South	West	North	East
1 H	Pass	2 D	Pass
2 S	Pass	4 H	

North's jump to a heart game was not so bad, when you reflect on the strength shown by South's "reverse" bid of his higher-ranking spades at the two level, which also showed the hearts to be of five cards at least. An opening-bid hand, which North surely had in view of the satisfactory minimum fit with South and plug-up cards in both minors, was opposite an opening hand strong enough for a reverse.

South fumbled the contract he should have made. He won the spade J lead with the A, led to the diamond J and finessed the heart 10. Winning, West returned the spade 2 to the Q, the K also winning and the later diamond A setting the contract.

The declarer knew from the lead that East had the K and Q of spades. He could have kept East out of the lead by letting the J win the first trick, holding his A for use if the J was from a doubleton. Winning that second trick, South could have timed the play so as to discard one low spade on the club honours and another on the fourth diamond. That would have limited his losses to a trick each in spades, hearts and diamonds.

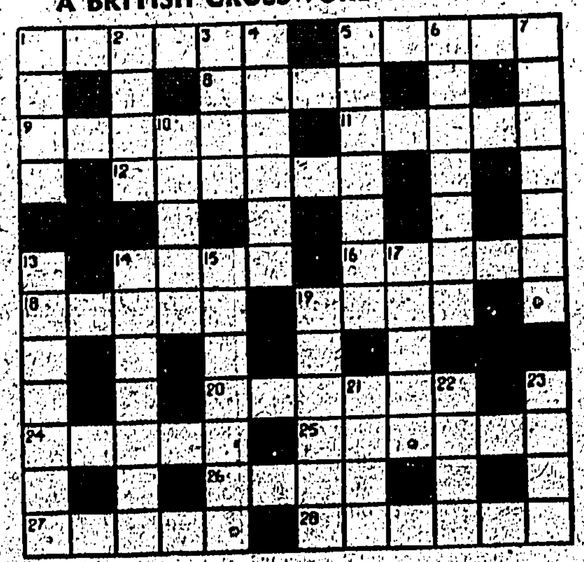
The only possible danger to the contract with this play would have depended on East having the diamond A, in which event the play wouldn't make any difference either way.

Tomorrow's Problem

	S J 8 6 4 H 9 8 2 D Q 10 7 C J 8 6	
S A 7 H A K 10 4 3 D 6 5 C 10 9 7 2	N W E S	S Q 10 3 H Q J 7 5 D 9 4 3 2 C 5 3
	S K 9 6 2 H 6 D A K J 8 C A K Q 4	

Having reached 4-Spades, how should South play after West leads the heart K and A?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Procedure. 5 Pungent. 8 Pare. 9 Narrative poem. 11 Acquire knowledge. 12 Deceive. 14 Package of merchandise. 15 Composition. 18 Banish. 19 Unemployed. 20 Interfere with. 24 Farewell. 25 Refers to Swiss mountains. 26 List. 27 Rascal. 28 Comics in.

Down

1 Crowds. 2 Related. 3 Semi-precious stone. 4 Infer. 5 Affirmed. 6 Convert into money. 7 Asses. 10 Licit. 13 Lose hope. 14 Command. 15 Discourse. 17 Slumber. 19 Occupant. 21 Project. 22 Observance. 23 Sediment.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Meets, 4 Scamps, 8 Gossip, 10 Aired, 12 Reigns, 14 Colleen, 17 Bore, 19 Regaled, 20 Trawler, 22 Hare, 24 Steeple, 27 Crisis, 29 Amass, 30 Aspect, 31 Themes, 32 Yodel.

DOWN—1 Magic, 2 Easel, 3 Shire, 5 Crag, 6 Morsel, 7 Skilled, 9 Peerless, 11 Insane, 13 Inertia, 16 Ogre, 18 Lowers, 18 Real, 20 Thwart, 21 Arcade, 24 Essay, 25 Plead, 26 Extol, 28 Isle.

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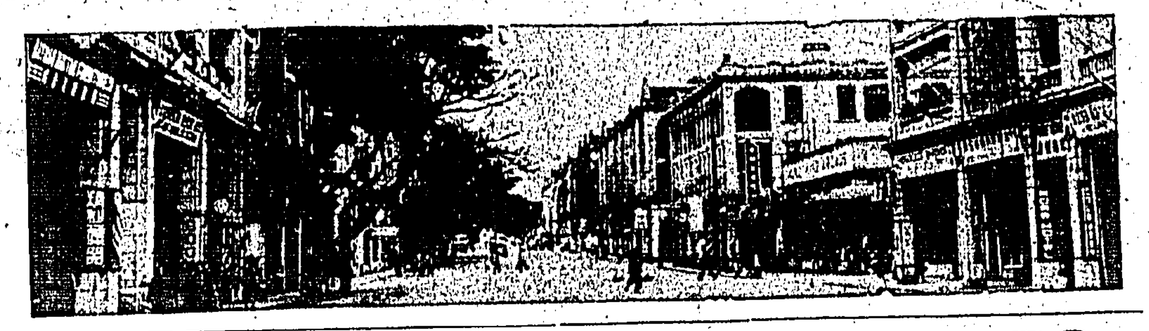

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Annual HK Trade Fair This Week

The annual Exhibition of Hong Kong Chinese products opens opposite the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday and continues to January 2.

The site of the Exhibition has until now been used by the Army as a parking ground.

A senior official of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Chinese Manufacturers Union said that he wishes the Hong Kong Government, when the Exhibition is over, would build some sort of building to house a social welfare centre and to provide a permanent place for future Exhibitions of locally-made products.

For this Exhibition, a handsome Chinese city gate has been erected on the Nathan Road side of the ground.

Behind this structure fenced in by boards, are some 427 stalls temporarily set up to display manufactured goods from 217 local factories.

The gateway will remind many of the gateway of the famous Forbidden City in Peiping.

The exhibition, which is to be opened on Thursday by the Governor Sir Alexander Grantham, has already attracted quite a few overseas buyers.

According to an official of the Union, Pan American World Airways have co-operated very well with the sponsors of the Exhibition.

Publicity posters were transported throughout the world by PAA and displayed at all PAA stations.

One American buyer from Tokyo said that it was one of the posters he saw at the PAA station in Tokyo that brought him here to look at Hong Kong-made products.

More than $150,000 has so far been spent on the Exhibition project. This includes some $19,000 on publicity alone.

PRIVATES FINED

Privates J. Jenkins, aged 21, and R. McInnes, aged 19, were fined $10 each by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of malicious damage and disorderly conduct.

Defendants were also ordered to pay $35 each to the proprietor of a shop at 7 Peking Road as compensation for damage done. It was stated that defendants grabbed some rice and salted fish and threw them at the proprietor and on to the pavement.

XMAS GIFT HINTS ON THE MAINLAND

Parents no doubt are worrying as to what to get for their children this Christmas.

On the mainland there are many toylands where sensible toys of all kinds for your children can be obtained.

First there is the Sunny Company on 66, Nathan Road. Here toys made of plastic or other materials can be obtained at reasonable prices.

Said to be the only place on the mainland where miniature electric trains are sold, this toyland also sells Meccano mechanical sets.

Educational toys, such as miniature tea sets or miniature furniture sets for girls, also form a part of the large collection of toys in this shop.

Santa Claus stockings, Christmas fire crackers, Christmas tree decorations and other necessities which go together with Christmas decorations are also sold by the Sunny Company and other mainland stores.

Among the other stores is the National Toy Company, a store well-known for their large stock of toys for children of all ages.

Dolls, miniature soldiers, models of modern weapons, aeroplanes and even miniature sewing machines await for your inspection behind the windows National Toy Company.

Situated at 220 Nathan Road, not far from Jordan Road, the National Toy Company has also on sale remote control train sets and aeroplanes, and life-like dolls which will talk to any playmate.

The National Toy Company is a one-priced toyshop where hundreds of toys from all corners of the world find their way into the company's show windows.

For Mothers

Mother may want a new dress or a new suit for the Christmas and New year season. As usual, Tamara May, in room 503, Peninsula Hotel, is able to take care of that.

The noted dress-maker has a large selection of new evening dresses and cocktail dresses.

If you would prefer to place an order, Tamara May takes orders for any type of dress for any occasion.

For business suits or other day wear, the well-known shop's large collection of corduroy, gabardine and woollen suits or dresses will fascinate mother, your girl friend or your sister.

To go with the suits, lovely and attractive blouses or skirts and slacks are also obtainable at Tamara May, the name that spells magic in dressing appearance.

Gold and silver belts, jewellery and evening bags are also a part of their superb stock now awaiting you there.

Want to surprise someone you love? Go to 40, Nathan Road. That is where G. M. Arthur and Company is. Of course you remember G. M. Arthur, one of the best jewellers in Kowloon.

For Christmas and New Year presents, gold, hall-marked sterling silver and Stuart crystal for both ladies and gents and even children are now on display there.

Perhaps you cannot make up your mind as to what to get. Just dial 57513 or call at G. M. Arthur and Company. You will find the ideal present there.

You may want to present a book to a friend during the Christmas season.

The Swindon Book Company on 25, Nathan Road is the mainland's leading bookshop.

Latest novels for grown-ups, story books for children and the latest magazines from almost every large city on earth are to be found in the Swindon Bookshop.

Of course there are also large selections of Christmas cards. The kind that have the new look.

Here is a new idea in Christmas presents—subscribe to some fashion magazines as gifts for your friend. The Swindon Bookshop also takes care of subscriptions for all kinds of magazines.

Xmas Dinner

If you are living alone or want to have a real good Christmas or New Year Dinner, be sure to go to the Grand Hotel. That is where good food is served.

You can make you Christmas dinner a most enjoyable one in the spacious dining hall of the Grand Hotel.

Situated in Carnarvon Road, the Grand Hotel is noted for its excellently-cooked European and Chinese food.

If you are preparing for a good Christmas dinner at home, the Dairy Farm on the Mainland has a large stock of turkeys for Christmas.

Aside from the turkeys, large stocks of geese, ducks, chickens, beef roasts, hams and stuffing are also sold at the Dairy Farm.

Also on sale there are tinned chickens, cheeses of all kinds, biscuits, and tinned fruits in special Christmas packings.

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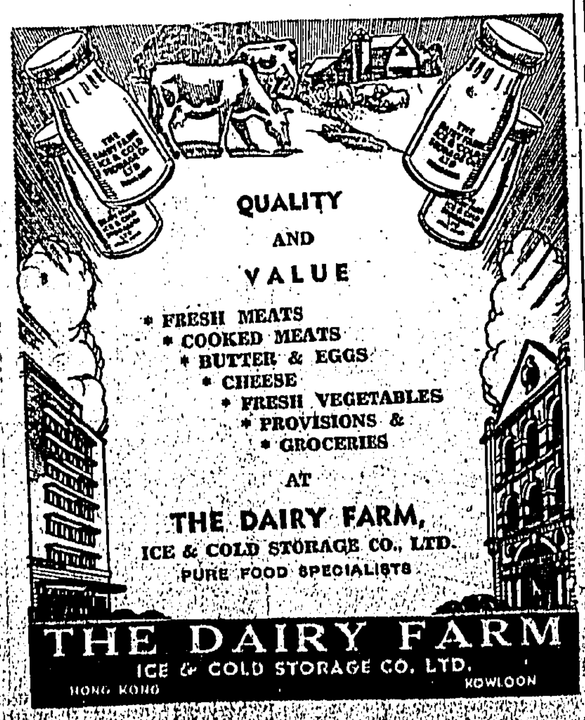

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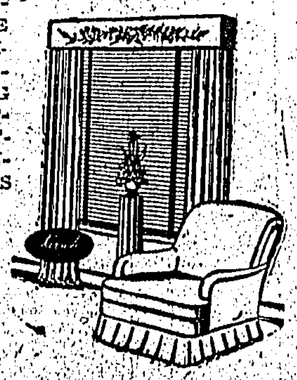

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New York, December 11.

General Carlos P. Romulo, President of the United Nations General Assembly, said today that had it not been for the United Nations, the number of crises in the past four years might have erupted into shooting wars.

Speaking before a church group breakfast, General Romulo pointed out that it was not the responsibility of the United Nations to make peace. Its duty lies in maintaining it, he said.

The right to make peace, he said, was reserved to the Big Five themselves at San Francisco when the United Nations Charter was set up.

"If we have no treaty signed with Germany or Japan, do not blame the U.N., blame the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, France."

Since the birth of the U.N., General Romulo said, the world peace organisation has been handicapped because it has been trying to maintain a peace that has not yet been established.

Despite that handicap, its intervention has prevented several international crises from developing into full-scale conflicts.—Associated Press.

Oil Firm Sued In New York

New York, December 11.

The Sinclair Corporation was named as defendant this weekend in a suit for US$5,000,000 brought by Leo Y. Chertok of New York, who charges the oil company and others with having persuaded the Ethiopian Government to repudiate an agreement it made with him to raise a loan.

In his complaint, Mr. Chertok said on July 19, 1935, he entered into an agreement with one Azaj Warquie G. Martin as envoy extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Emperor of Ethiopia. By their agreement, the complaint continued, Mr. Chertok was to receive an exclusive concession for 80 days to raise US$1,000,000 as a loan for the Ethiopian Government. He said the Ethiopian Government offered as collateral for the loan a 50-year concession on gold, oil and other mineral rights in its territories.

This agreement was subsequently modified, the complaint stated, so that instead of raising a loan for US$1,000,000, he would arrange for the public underwriting of £10,000,000 to exploit mineral and other rights in the territory. For this he was to receive 7.5 per cent commission, he said.

Mr. Chertok said he secured underwriting for the loan of £10,000,000 but the war intervened. The complaint, which also names Sinclair Petroleum Corporation and others, alleges "defendants persuaded the state of Ethiopia to violate, repudiate and break the agreement of July 19, 1935."

His attorney, Milton B. Friendland, described Mr. Chertok as a "sales representative and promoter."—Associated Press.

Dap-Chhuon, leader of a Cambodian Nationalist private army of about 400, has ended his force's anti-European activities around the city of Angkor by handing over his rifle to Cambodia's King Norodom Sihanouk and becoming a major in the Royal Army. Now Western tourists holidaying amid the incredible towers of Angkor Vat do so under the "protection" of Dap-Chhuon's soldiers who a month before would have shot them at sight. Cambodia is now an independent state holding what is roughly French commonwealth status in the Colonial Union. Photo shows two girl members of Dap-Chhuon's private army. (Associated Press Photo).

Garry Davis Won't Change His Mind

Philadelphia, December 10.

The sister of Garry Davis, self-styled world citizen, has given up trying to change his mind about surrendering U.S. citizenship.

"I wouldn't try to change his mind now," she told a reporter. "I'm convinced that he is doing what he thinks is right."

Garry is the son of Meyer Davis, society band leader. He tore up his American passport months ago, renounced his U. S. citizenship and declared himself a citizen of the world. He served as a U. S. bomber pilot in World War II.

Some 250,000 Europeans, Miss Davis reports, joined her brother's world government movement. She said they all want to do something to assure peace.

Virginia, a talented singer, said she had helped her brother's cause. Armed with one of Garry's "World Identity Cards," she toured Europe giving concerts to raise money. The card is issued by the International Registry of World Citizens, an organisation founded by Garry.

Sometimes, Miss Davis said, the card enabled her to cross a nation's border. Sometimes she was challenged.

Not Impressed

"I showed it to the customs officials when I got off the plane in the United States," she said, "but they were not impressed."

She had to use her American passport in the United States, in the U. S. zone of Germany and in Czechoslovakia. Her world identity card got her into France, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany's Russian zone—with no questions asked.

"It was covered with stamps and it looked so official that I don't think some of the border guards knew what it was, so they just let me in."

The card pledges its bearer to "place the interests of world peace through a federal world government above any or all national or other interests incompatible with that ultimate goal."

Virginia insists her brother tore up his American passport only as a protest.

But, she advises, "no one else should do that," adding:

"When you get a world citizen passport you're a citizen of your country and of the world, too. It's like being a resident of New York and a citizen of the United States."

Virginia and her family vehemently protested Garry's action but Garry wavered only once, Virginia reports. He thought it might be a good idea to remain an American citizen while working for world government.

Then he thought the idea over and rejected it.

"I can do better as a man without a country," Virginia quoted him as saying.—Associated Press.

SOVIET CHALLENGE IN MEDITERRANEAN

Paris, December 12.

Of all the sectors in the prevailing "cold war" between the Soviet bloc and the Western democracies, the one which is perhaps the most delicate and potentially the most significant is the Mediterranean.

Russian attempts to creep down to the shores of that sea and establish an area of control have been persistent and gradual since the early eighteenth century.

Enormous pressure has been exerted intermittently since the end of World War II on both Greece and Turkey in an effort to break through the "pie crust", serving as a barrier between the Soviet sphere of interest and blue, warm water.

Turkey resisted by proclaiming its intention of fighting to preserve itself. But Soviet policy sought to outflank that stubborn nation by threatening Iran to its east and Greece to its west. Only by powerful counterpressure in both countries have Anglo-American leaders prevented completion of a diplomatic pincer movement.

Actually the U.S.S.R. did break out to the Mediterranean for the first time in its history when it made puppet states of both Yugoslavia and Albania. But the Yugoslavs got themselves out of the Soviet Union's orbit.

The Russians remained in control of Albania and have been working slowly to improve that country's military potential by constructing railways where there were none, building underground munitions dumps, and, on the island of Saseno in Valona Bay, fortifying the mouth of the Adriatic, constructing submarine pens.

This process has been hampered by the lack of rail connections linking Albania with the Soviet Ukraine across the Balkans.

Access To Warm Water

The reasons for the persistent Russian interest in the Mediterranean are obvious. The world's largest land mass has the least access to warm water by direct channels—which are not subject to wartime blockade—from ice-free ports.

Why, one might ask, is the West so dead set against permitting Russia to attain its ends? The answer is twofold. First, there are moral reasons. No country like Turkey or Norway wishes to cede sovereignty to Moscow.

The second part of the answer is strategic. The U.S.S.R. comprises the strongest land power in the world. Only control of the seas can prevent its expansion. That control remains with the United States and Britain.

It has always been a matter of basic policy for nations depending on sea power rather than on a large military population to insist upon naval superiority.

In this connection, the Mediterranean has played a vital role. It controls—or he who masters it does—access to three continents: Southern Europe, Northern Africa and Western Asia.

The first critical clash between the Eastern and Western victors of the last war came in the Mediterranean area—which the Soviet Union sought to take control of Greece.

Anglo-U.S. Policy

Assertion of naval superiority is not merely a matter of ships. It depends strongly also on bases and harbour facilities. The Western bloc is determined to prevent the U.S.S.R. from obtaining these. A mighty land power with air and troop bases along the shores of such a sea could render it untenable—as the Germans sought to do in the last war.

Thus, Anglo-American policy during the last four years has been to block Soviet Southerly expansion wherever possible. This has taken the form of maintaining naval squadrons in the Mediterranean, of maintaining aircraft and airbases, of developing available naval base facilities, and above all, of rendering diplomatic and implicit strategic support to small nations along the periphery which are threatened by the U.S.S.R.

United States' Role

America has played an increasingly greater role in this process for the simple reason that Britain, which lost a quarter of her national wealth in the war, no longer is economically strong enough to function alone. The Truman Doctrine, which saved Greece and Turkey from communism, is a direct result of this fact.

Militarily speaking, the British and American have done their best to keep naval patrols sweeping the Mediterranean and to modernize such bases as Gibraltar, Tripoli, Malta and Cyprus, where the two powers are jointly constructing an important network of radio communications.

They have worked diplomatically to exclude Russia from such claims as a voice in Libya or the Dodecanese. They have carefully limited the possibilities of Moscow's developing its role in Tangiers into anything which might be potentially dangerous.

They have insisted on a settlement of Italy's colonies which would not endanger Western democracy by permitting the Kremlin to encroach under the guise of trusteeship participation.

They have bolstered Italy itself by admitting that defeated nation to the North Atlantic pact, even though it is nowhere near that ocean.

Moreover, it is not improbable that the next few years will see an extension of that alliance to a Mediterranean pact.

The British and Americans have worked also to encourage local regional defence arrangements. Much as they dislike Franco Spain, they certainly were not averse to the mutual security talks he recently had with the Government of Britain's oldest ally, Portugal. They quietly welcomed the Arab League's collective security pact emerging in Cairo. They support Iran to prevent Turkey from being outflanked on the east.

The Soviet Gambit

On its part, the U.S.S.R. can only hope to establish itself firmly on the Mediterranean, without risk of war, by expanding and consolidating its Adriatic foothold. Any frontal drive through Turkey or Greece would certainly mean world conflict.

Whether the Soviet Union will be able to dethrone Tito and reestablish its firmest Mediterranean foothold, seems dubious. Despite all efforts to bolster up the dummy Government in Albania, it remains shaky. The realists of the Kremlin have not dared to sign a bilateral military alliance with it—it is the only European satellite so excepted. Such an entanglement might be too risky.

It is obvious that the United States and Britain must try some day to plug that one gap in an otherwise solidly pro-Western Mediterranean front. This fact alone should make Albania's Enver Hoxha, always a nervous character, even more nervous. Soviet Ambassador Chuvakhin in Tirana has developed a substitute strong boy, General Mehmet Shehu.

But whether Soviet imperialism will be able to maintain its Mediterranean base in Albania for long remains a question which is likely to be answered during the next twelve months. Already enough rumours are emanating from that isolated land indicate that trouble is coming.

Catholicism On Increase In Britain

London, December 11.

The number of Catholics in England and Wales increased by 105,340 in the past year to a total of 2,784,249, according to estimated figures in the 1950 English Catholic Directory.

Conversions and baptisms totalled 103,000. But the increase was partly attributed to an influx of Catholic foreign workers, the Directory's assistant editor, Mr. Harold Holdsworth stated.

Ninety-two Polish priests are working in Britain, according to the Directory. The Directory gave the total number of Catholics in English-speaking countries as 64,104,—Reuter.

SHAH OF IRAN IN FRISCO

San Francisco, December 11.

The Shah of Iran has arrived here with a party of seven and has announced that he means to live "as a private citizen" for several days.

His schedule here is uncertain but his first firm engagement is with General Dwight Eisenhower in New York on December 19.

The uncertainty on his plans here and his departure time for New York are due to his desire not to be bound by formal receptions, one of his staff said.

The Shah was greeted at the airport by about 35 Iranian residents.

During a brief, informal Press conference, he said that he had come to San Francisco because he had heard of the beauty of the city and he now saw characteristics which confirmed that reputation.

Explaining his desire to be treated as an ordinary citizen, the Shah said, "I feel that unless I am free to go into some American homes and visit the people I cannot go back with the real face of your country in my heart."

A spokesman for the Shah said that while in New York he would undergo a physical check-up "although there is nothing wrong with him". The Shah believed, however, that he should take advantage of the facilities of United States medicine while he had the chance.

The Shah plans to broadcast to the United States people on his feeling for a nation which, he is convinced, is of tremendous world importance.

"The open heart and face of your people and their friendship and good intent are of great importance to me," he said.

"You represent such a tremendous power and all the democracies of the world look to you. To know you and, if possible, enjoy your friendship is what he seek," the Shah added.

While he is here the Shah will attend a few small parties and hopes to do son I dancing.—Reuter.

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PURGE OF ZHDANOV FOLLOWERS AT END

Paris, December 12.

Indications have now been received that the "quiet purge" of the followers of the late Andrei A. Zhdanov, which has been going on in the Soviet Union during the past year, is now over.

Some of the most prominent individuals removed from their positions during the course of this political upheaval are slowly beginning to reappear in public life—although on a lesser level than that they previously occupied.

These things are difficult to analyse in detail and one can only deduce basic trends by correlating such isolated facts as slip out from under the Iron Curtain.

The "quiet purge" itself was never announced or even hinted at in Moscow. Only those familiar with party hierarchy or personally acquainted with the individuals affected knew of its existence.

It is generally believed that this moment basically represented a determination by George M. Malenkov, previously Mr. Zhdanov's rival in the Politburo and a personal enemy, to remove from power the late Bolshevist leader's friends.

For the most part these were members of the so-called "Leningrad cabal," a group of Communists who had worked with Mr. Zhdanov when he had been boss of that city.

These included Nikolai A. Voznesensky, former Politburo member; A. A. Kuznetsov, a Central Committee secretary; P. S. Popkov, member of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, and Yuri A. Zhdanov, son of the late party boss.

Other were I. T. Golyakov, once chief of the Supreme Court; Col. Gen. I. V. Shikin, political administrator of armed forces, and M. I. Rodinov, former chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Russian Federated Soviet Socialist Republic.

For the first time since Mr. Malenkov's purge movement began, confirmed information has been received that two of the aforementioned list—who comprised the most important members of the Zhdanov clique—are now again active in party life although in a lower echelon.

Mr. Shikin has been appointed a director of the Lenin Political Academy in Moscow. This is undoubtedly a very important job, although by no means comparable to that of political boss of the Soviet armed forces in charge of their indoctrination. Mr. Shikin had been Mr. Zhdanov's deputy commander during the siege of Leningrad in World War II and was closely associated with him.

Two Newsmen

Young Yuri A. Zhdanov is now again writing occasional articles for the Russian scientific press. A recent article by him in Culture and Life on genetics shows he has worked his way back to favour by starting to praise Trofim D. Lysenko's views on genes and the dominance of environment over heredity. This concept was developed during the last eighteen months in the Soviet Union and was supported by the Politburo.

Another man who had been close to the elder Zhdanov and had been demoted is M. A. Suslov, who in July, 1948, was removed as the head of the Bolshevist party's agitation and propaganda section.

M. Suslov apparently has been named editor of "Pravda" to replace P. N. Pospelov, who in turn has succeeded V. S. Kruzhkov as head of the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute. That Mr. Suslov should receive such an important position—although still lower than that he once held—indicates he is on his way back.

Almost simultaneously some enemies of the elder Zhdanov who were projected to prominence by the Malenkov faction during the period of the "quiet purge" seem to be slipping. G. F. Aleksandrov, who was censured two years ago by Mr. Zhdanov and who had been steadily increasing his importance since the latter's death, was dropped from the editorial board of the Bolshevik this summer and now is being criticised by name.

It is as yet impossible to fit all these pieces together into a logical pattern.

However, the reappearance of young Zhdanov and of Mr. Shikin would seem to imply that the political disgrace of this group was not accompanied by death or prison.

One line of speculation—which in no sense can be proved—is that Premier Stalin, having employed Mr. Malenkov to reduce the power of one Soviet political clique, is now trimming the sails of Mr. Malenkov's own faction.

More time will have to pass before that can be evaluated as an idea.

Stalin Technique

However, it must always be recalled that Mr. Stalin's method of operating has been to use his rivals or his most important lieutenants to destroy each other. This was true after Lenin's death. It was true during the great purge trials, when Mr. Stalin's seat in the saddle was certainly firm.

It may be true, now that Mr. Stalin does not want Mr. Malenkov to get too far ahead in the race for the eventful succession. Even though Mr. Malenkov appears to remain the most powerful Soviet citizen after the Premier, it may be the latter is eager to restore more of a balance in the political forces striving within the monolithic party structure.

It must be recalled furthermore that one aspect of this oriental form of political operation within the machinery of dictatorship has been the process of purging the purgers. This was true in the Nineteen Thirties when, for example, one man succeeded another as the head of the secret police, liquidating his predecessor, until finally Lavrenti P. Beria "made good."

OLIVIER VISIT TO NEW YORK

New York, December 11.

Sir Laurence Olivier said today that he is not interested in working on television and thinks the new medium will never threaten the legitimate stage.

"There will always be an audience which prefers a professional performance on the live stage," he said.

Sir Laurence boarded a Pan-American plane at International airport today for London. He was in the United States for only two days, having arrived on Friday to participate in the first anniversary celebration of the United Nations adoption of the human rights declaration.

He was present during last night's Carnegie Hall observance, which was televised. His last act before boarding his plane was to purchase a dozen pairs of nylons for his wife, Vivien Leigh. United Press.

London, December 11.

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Both suffered slight sword wounds.—Associated Press.

RED ARMY GOES ON THE LAND

Tokyo, December 12.

Some Communist forces in North China are farming during hours outside garrison duty, a Peking broadcast monitored here asserted.

The decision to engage in agriculture production followed a directive from Chairman Mao Tse-tung urging the Communist Army "to participate in production to help the Central People's government in healing the scars of war and increasing construction," the broadcast said.

It added that troops for the past few months have been working on the land and engaging in "various productive occupations" during intervals of garrison duty and hard training.

"For example," the Communist radio said, "one unit of the Army group has tended 90 acres of crop and vegetable land. One battalion alone harvested more than 200,000 pounds of vegetables which keep the whole battalion supplied with enough vegetables for two months.

"Men in this unit," the broadcast continued," also raised 1,100 hogs besides collecting some 350 tons of firewood and fodder for the kitchens and stables of the Army. They also operated several flour mills and oil presses."

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THE ELECTORAL RHYTHM.

Nearly everybody who has had anything to say about the Australian elections has said it with both eyes on the United Kingdom. Non-Socialists with one accord urge the British Conservatives: "Go thou and do likewise." The basic issues are much the same in Britain as in the two Dominions. In all of them the people are fed up with control and regimentation which besets them from dawn to dusk. The ultimate question, of course, is whether the State shall control the people or the people control the State. The immediate issue doesn't go as far as that. It is rather a matter of emphasis within the two extremes.

This in turn is vitally affected by the economic condition of the particular State concerned. Australia is one of the most prosperous countries anywhere. Most of the controls there were irksome because they were regarded as unnecessary. In Britain's sorrier plight the aspect changes. Many are not only necessary but imperative for survival and solvency. That's quite a large-sized difference.

Then there is the question of the political pendulum. The process of change in a free democracy is a slow one. At widely-spaced intervals the swing is violent, and the oscillations become steadier until equilibrium, or a deadlock, is reached, then it swings violently once more. That is the normal rhythm—the rhythm followed in both the New Zealand and Australian elections, though it was a bit slower in the first case. This law of the pendulum is one of the supreme justifications of a system of elections which, untidy and even unseemly as it may sometimes seem, nevertheless works extraordinarily well.

The New Zealand Labour Government had 14 years of office and the Australian Government eight years, before they fell. The British Labour Government has still to complete its first term. The Labour Party went into the last General Election with 164 seats in the House of Commons. It emerged from the polls with 393 seats. It was a drastic verdict which almost exactly reversed the respective positions of the Labour and Conservative Parties. The Conservatives went into that election with 358 seats and came out of it with 189. The two Liberal factions fared badly, but the total poll of Conservatives and Liberals was practically the same as that of the Labour Party.

In Australia the two Opposition Parties got together and fought the election separately but almost as a united body. The Dominions, according to critics of Socialism, have set two encouraging examples for the United Kingdom to follow. A lot of us who don't claim any Party affiliations feel much the same way about it. But the example of the former Opposition Parties in Australia in getting really close together for the election is likely to be overlooked.

It has been said that the free half of the world regards Mr. Churchill as their saviour, and the other half looks to him for deliverance. They don't have a vote in Britain, however. And the British Liberals, whose gaze is too often concentrated on their great past, are an unconscionable time a-dying. In the last general election at South Bradford there was no Conservative candidate. A National Liberal (10,302) and an Independent Liberal (6,707) polled a total of 22,099 against the Labour candidate's 24,394. In the by-election last week the chief Opposition candidate called himself Conservative and National Liberal and polled 19,313. An Independent Liberal polled 2,882.

The Labourites were down about 1,000 but the combined Opposition poll remained stationary. That's a very slight swing of the pendulum indeed, and, coming as it does after 35 successive Labour victories at by-elections, is even more discouraging to Tory hopes than the defeats of the Labourites in the two Dominions are encouraging.

Britain has had a bigger dose of Socialism by far than Australia has had. Her people had to go through the greatest ordeal in their history in the six years of war, and then to sustain a burden of controls, regimentation, and austerity equally unexampled. The impatient may look upon the contradictions of hardship and loyalty to Party as signs of a sheep-like if not a broken spirit. A more dispassionate study will show that the British can take it in peace as in war while they are convinced it is necessary.

They have to take more than others, as they had to do in the war, because their circumstances are less fortunate. And it is quite probable there is a more than lingering gratitude to the Labour Government for the great social and other reforms it carried through. The people voted for these things in 1945 after all. And it looks as though they wont change their Government till the country is out of the wood. They grin a little, groan much more, but in their hearts they know they have to put up with more than others because that is their unhappy but inescapable lot. And they want to see the economic crisis through as they saw the war through.

STALIN PLANS A NEW BUFFER STATE

By ANTHONY TERRY

Half a million "Slavs" living between the Elbe and the Oder are being forged into a new Soviet-sponsored "republic" plumb in the middle of Germany, which will reach from just South of Berlin down to the Czech frontier.

Stalin's aim is a "buffer state" between Poland and Germany, using the "Wends" as the buffer, a people of Slav extraction who live in the picturesque fen country South East of Berlin known as the "Spreewald."

At first sight one would not say they were oversuited for the job of "buffer." Their houses are built on poles above the rivers and they move about everywhere by punt, in the absence or roads. Even their children go to "water school" by boat, and the cattle are "waterborne" when they go out to pasture.

They have lived here for nearly a thousand years, a relic of waves of Asiatic conquerors. Up to now they have merged into the rest of Germany without difficulty and have been allowed to keep their own language. Further South, away from the fen district, they live the lives of ordinary farmers.

The Russians however claim there are no fewer than half a million of these Wends willing to form a new Communist Slav Republic under Soviet guidance. The last official count of the population was 20 years ago when there were some 30,000. What the present day figure is no one knows, but there is no doubt that 500,000 is grossly exaggerated. In an attempt to boost the numbers of their new Republic the Russians are cleverly bringing the Wends, with their picturesque costumes, into declaring themselves "Slavs."

Subversive Doctrines

Among the "encouragements" offered them are better food, better jobs, trips to Prague, Warsaw and other Communist capitals, "cultural autonomy," and vacancies in universities in the Popular Democracies for Wends who show academic promise. Picked Wend students who were sent to Belgrade university a year ago are being brought home in case they should learn Tito's subversive doctrines.

Stalin's plans for the Wends go a long way back. When the Russians entered in 1945 they had plans ready for liberating "the only enslaved Slav nation in the world." They formed a Communist propaganda for the Wends called the "Demovina" and overlaid the country with a network of local branches and "cells."

They brought out a Wend newspaper called "Nova Doba" ("New Time") and printed a large number of leaflets and books. They made Russian and Wendish the official languages and appointed a Red Army Colonel to set up their "cultural organisations." The name Wend was changed to "Serb" which is of Slav origin, and all place names were altered to Wendish.

If the Russians can in fact weld the Wends (or Sorbs) into a Slav state inside Germany it will only be the first of big population switches which the Soviet government is planning for this part of Europe.

Next on Stalin's list are the 11,000,000 Germans evacuated from the areas behind the Oder-Neisse Polish frontier after the war. In an attempt to grab back those who have not yet succeeded in escaping to safety in the West, the Eastern Zone Communists have started a big "resettlement scheme". Meeting in Saxony recently under the leadership of the Politburo chief, Walter Ulbricht, they appointed a propaganda officer to visit the camps and homes where the refugees are staying in the Soviet Zone, with orders to tell them that they would be "going back home soon."

They were promised they would be given farms or "other suitable work" in what is now Poland, if they would agree to go back. The effect of the first few lectures of this kind to the refugees was to increase the flow Westwards. Those who knew the Russian methods feared they would be forcibly "resettled" as they had been forcibly evicted three years ago. But the temptation to listen to Communist promises is great, especially for those who have families and face an uncertain future in Western Germany, if they escape.

Pool Of Labour

What the Russians want is a pool of labour with which to run the industrial areas and coalmines of Silesia, among the largest in Europe. The Polish miners have proved incapable of working the 36-foot seams at anything like full capacity. The Russians now wish they had not been so hasty in turning out the Germans in 1945.

But what this resettlement of Germans behind the Oder-Neisse line does mean is that the famous "frontier of Peace" between Poland and Germany is likely to become a bit blurred if there are Germans living on both sides of the line. The Russians have recently even been hinting at a possible "revision" of the frontier in favour of Germany.

The Czechs, who are loudly welcoming the Wends as Slav brothers and sisters and supporting their plans for a Wend republic, are themselves going to face one of Stalin's population moves which they will not like.

According to reports from Eastern Germany the Russians are now definitely going ahead with their plans to resettle Germans in the Sudetenland in an effort to get the moribund Czech glass industry back on its feet.

The industry has never been able to turn out goods of pre-war quality since the Germans left, taking the "know-how" with them. Now they are being invited to go back. But many have meantime set up business in the West and few are likely to be willing to go back behind the Iron Curtain.

The fact that the Russians are finding it harder to get along without the Germans may account for their sudden effusiveness towards the new Communist government of Eastern Germany and the many promises which have been made to the Germans recently.

The effect on the Germans has so far been negligible. Not one in ten is likely to exchange a job in the West for the uncertainties of living under a Comanunist "cultural officer" in a "resettlement paradise."

But as far as the Wends are concerned there are unmistakable signs that Stalin means to make his promise of a "Slav Republic in Central Europe" come true.

Boom Town Won't Go On Spree

By McKENZIE PORTER

In the last 150 years Edmonton, the biggest city in the province of Alberta, Canada, has had a fur boom, a gold boom, a land boom, a silver boom and a war boom.

Now she is getting fat, with a calm born of long experience, out of the biggest boom of all—an oil boom.

Every day £25,000 worth of oil bubbles up from the warm, black loam around the city, yet the deep underground wells have scarcely been scratched.

In ten years the gushers will supply the whole of Canada with native petrol—with some left over to sell to the United States. Experts believe that sooner or later Edmonton oil will replace the dwindling Texas oil as the motive power for millions of North American machines and automobiles.

Cheapest Heat

Edmonton is the luckiest town in Canada. Under her green lawns run Canda's greatest coal mines, their galleries extending beyond the city limits. Edmonton housewives get the cheapest heat in the world from unlimited natural gases. Farmers in the Edmonton area have never known a crop failure. And up in the North-West Territories, a few hours flight away, pioneers are prizing the lid off a Caliph's ransom in uranium, gold, fur and fish.

In ten years the population of this prairie city has jumped from 90,000 to 145,000. Forty times more building is going on now than in 1939.

But the city main income still stems from farming. And the phlegmatic agrarian workers, descended from early Central European settlers, ignore the derricks which now tower less than five miles from Edmonton Country Club.

One of these farm men, John Rebus, got £50,000 down payment for oil rights on his tiny farm and a guarantee of fabulous royalties. Sure he has bought a new truck. But his life has not changed. He hasn't even painted the old barn yet.

Another Gottlieb Wiedman, gets £40 a day from one oil company for the riches under his pasture. In the last three years his only celebration has been a week's holiday in Grand Prairie, 400 miles away.

Here and there is an odd colourful personality. Hal Straight, publisher of the *Edmonton Journal*, is reputed to mix apple blossom perfume with his ink in springtime. Once he hired Jehovah's Witnesses to parade through his composing room at press time carrying the placards: "It's later than you think!"

"Spud" Arsenault, a prospector, who picked up a mere £2,500,000 for a handful of gold claims at Yellowknife, lives in one room in the basement of the Corona Hotel. Sometimes he drives the lift for fun, gravely picking up ten cent tips from the patrons.

Jim Louie, a Chinese, made a fortune out of juke-boxes and built the most expensive home in Edmonton. In his garden Syrians who grew rich in the fur trade put up Canada's only Mohammedan mosque.

Baron Drives Truck

Baron Huene, who stands 6ft. 6in. tall and once served in the Tzar of Russia's Imperial Guard, drives a truck through the city streets.

Lord Rodney, a beefy Englishman, runs his potatoes to market from a farm at Fort Saskatchewan.

Not long ago an antique dealer visiting one of Edmonton's poorer farms found 16 grandfather clocks. Rain dripped through the roof on to Sheraton, Hepplewhite and Chippendale furniture. Hens were feeding out of Queen Anne entree dishes.

English girl immigrants who fail to find a husband against the competition of Toronto and Montreal typists and shop assistants head out for Edmonton and pick where they like among the oilmen.

Although oil may give Edmonton an industrial aspect during the next 10 years the city must go on being a gigantic frontier post on the verge of the fast-developing North. Some £2,500,000 in gold, £1,000,000 in furs and £500,000 in fish enters the city every year. The same value goes back north in sleds, dog-teams, canoes, grub-stakes, diamond drills and mining machinery.

Gateway To Riches

Edmonton Airport, the biggest in Canada, recorded 10,000 take-offs last year. Many of these were charter planes carrying prospectors to Yellow-knife, the Yukon, Alaska and Great Bear Lake where, in 1930, Gilbert LaBine discovered the uranium that packed the wallop into the atom bomb.

Farmers form the dominant side of Edmonton's split-personality. Deeply religious, and Nonconformist, they belong to 50 different creeds, many of them obscure, all fervent. Thus, no matter how much the oilmen want to paint the town red they are subdued by the piety of the landed settlers.

Dawson Creek Goes To Press

By WILLIAM STEVENSON

Exactly 520 yards up the dust-shrouded, 1,522-mile long Alaskan Highway stands a square, wooden hut bravely flaunting the slogan: "If it's good for Dawson Creek—'The Star' is for it."

Under the Dawson Creek "Star's" banner are gathered a Yorkshireman, a Lancastrian and a young woman from Reading.

For a year now they have been seeking through their weekly, green-coloured newspaper to bring prosperity back to a community which began the war with 500 inhabitants, boosted this to 3,000 and is now down to 1,500 Canadian, Swedes and Indians.

Bolton-born Frank Bedford arrived first. The 47-year-old printer who served his apprenticeship with Bolton "Evening News" was attracted by talk of big money late in the war to "Mile Zero" of the Alaskan Highway.

"Mile Zero" or Dawson Creek (locals pronounce it "Crick") is 460 miles North of Edmonton and the end of steel for North Albertan Railways. From it springs the 138,000,000 dollar unpaved Alaskan highway which pierces the heart of strategically-important Alaska.

"I arrived when U.S. contractors were paying men 1,000 dollars a trip to truck materials through to White-horse, 910 miles away," said Bedford. "A man could borrow the cash for a truck and at the end of a month, he was made."

Swollen Population

Dawson Creek is still a vital stage and forwarding centre. But the town's swollen population of young men who all became truckers during that period of easy pickings, is now off-balance. "What we need now," says Bedford, "is a mass invasion of young farming families from the South.

"Up here, we haven't had a crop failure yet. The climate is hot by day and cool by night. It's ideal farming country, but folk get the notion we're way up in the wilds—a sort of cowboy country without very many cowboys."

Bedford liked that sort of climate, so he stayed in this dusty, bustling town where typical "Western" woodframe buildings expose to the dirt roads modern plate-glass windows stocked with fashionable wares. He liked the odd mixture of swaggering cowboys moving in for summer rodeos; the Indians from Peace River reservations who spend treaty-money in a single night's carousal, then vanish for another three months.

Stan Carnell, native of Sheffield, who left there as a lad of 25 years to come West in the mid-twenties, blew into town after selling his rights in the 25-mile trap line he rented up at Pine Pass in the Rocky Mountains. In six years of working the government-owned line, he made enough cash from pelts to start a small business. But just what kind of business, he wasn't sure.

Barbara Fletcher had the answer. The 30-year-old woman from Reading, Berks, came to Canada early in the last war for the same reason that prompted her two partners—a restless desire to find a different, adventurous life. She found it, oddly enough, writing editorials for the Peace River "Block News". But she got mad at lack of interest taken in local affairs.

A Flea Bite

She and Bedford sold Stan Carnell the idea of a newspaper. Their enterprise was born in the early days of last year's hot summer. At first it hit Dawson Creek with all the impact of a flea-bite on a steer's hide. The flimsy green newspaper, printed on an ancient flat-bed press housed in a cramped wooden hut, meant little to prairie farmers tired after a day's hard riding into the Rocky Mountain foothills Truckers, worried about dwindling supply runs to U.S. military bases in Alaska, had little time for community interests.

"Maybe it was Bab's editorials," says Carnell. "Maybe it was that Crick folk got to like us." His highly-flavoured Yorkshire accent thickens. "Whatever it was, we began making an impression. Our editorials flayed all that stood in the way of the Crick's progress; soon we were reporting the doings of every single person here."

There was plenty to report. There are drug-stores at "Mile Zero," faithful to North American standards with their juke-boxes and neon lights. But the people are still the tough, hard-hitting folk of pioneer stock beneath their good manners. And every adult male carries and knows how to use a gun.

From their vantage point opposite the railhead and at the foot of the Alaskan Highway, the English trio keep up-to-date with the traffic. When a sudden stepping-up supplies to U.S. bases was hastily reported, truckers won the bulk of new contracts for which U.S. outfits had been angling.

So the Aussies, like the Kiwis, aren't going to Labour any more. Organisers of the police (beg pardon, welfare) state in Britain are hurriedly preparing pamphlets saying that the anti-lynching laws will still be in force next year.

"Greeks to be freed."
Oh? I hadn't heard the Americans were leaving.

Excess Story.

Thirty years ago a young Englishman arrived in Hong Kong, completely broke. He is still completely broke.

This Yunnan governor who "joined the Communists in a coupe" is likely to be told that a bullock cart should be good enough for all comrades in the New China.

The British government has sold its entire surplus stock of Algerian wine to Germany. The purpose to which it is to be put by the Germans remains a mystery.

My niece Ermyntrude
Played a Chopin Etude
In the nude.
This dismayed her Aunt Lucy,
So, instead, she played
Debussy—
She wasn't chussy.

"Another U.S.S. Greatest Production!"
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Honour where honour is Jew.

"It took many rabbits many years to write the Talmud."

One plot after another to seize Chiang has been foiled. This shows, according to one "independent" source, that the Admiralissimo has not really plotted his copybook.

"Beautiful Christmas gifts open Saturday afternoons and Sundays until Christmas."
Couldn't I just have a peek on Tuesdays and Thursdays too?

Get me a front row seat.

A news item states. "Esther Williams wants to shed her bathing suit and start acting."

"Wife may take over."
What d'you mean, "may"?

"Japaness receives Nobel prize."
No, you're quite right. It wasn't the peace prize.

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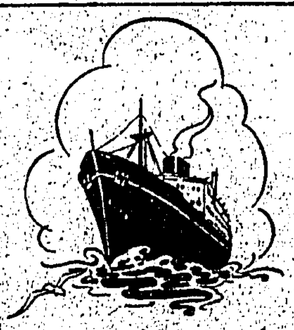

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U.S. ECONOMIC HELP FOR CHIANG LIKELY

America Considering Diplomatic Support

MILITARY AID UNLIKELY

Washington, December 11.

The United States is reported to be prepared to give Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek economic and diplomatic support in his efforts to make Taiwan a fortress against Chinese Communism.

There is no immediate prospect of any new military aid to the Nationalist leader, however.

There is reason to believe that the U.S. Government may be somewhat divided on the question of further military aid to Generalissimo Chiang and other issues in developing a "stop Communism" policy for the whole Asiatic area.

In fact, President Harry Truman's military advisers are reported to feel that the State Department is moving much too cautiously toward determining a new line of American policy in Asia. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and his aides evidently feel that opportunities for bold action by this Government have not yet developed.

Nevertheless Mr. Acheson's advisers privately concede that a new era in Asiatic affairs opened this week-end with the flight of the remnants of the Nationalist Government from the mainland into the island of Taiwan.

There have been reports that Generalissimo Chiang might ask the United States to set up some sort of protectorate over the island. These reports are without official confirmation.

Even if so requested, it is highly uncertain whether responsible authorities here would view it favourably unless:

1. The military cost could be kept low.
2. Generalissimo Chiang would undertake drastic reforms in Taiwan and
3. The United States could effectively head off Communist propaganda charges that it was taking over the island.

Economic Aid

Here is what Generalissimo Chiang seems assured of:

1. Continued American economic aid. State Department officials noted that the Economic Co-operation Administration has a mission in the island. It said there was no doubt it would stay there and do all it could to help improve conditions.

2. U.S. diplomatic recognition. The United States intends to continue indefinitely recognising the Nationalist Government at Taipeh as the legitimate government of China even though the Communists control the mainland. How long the United States will stick to this policy of Nationalist recognition — which bars it from recognising the Communists—may well depend on how long the Generalissimo can hold out in Taiwan.

3. Objections to American military assistance. State Department officials say and apparently many military men also believe the Generalissimo Chiang has stored up vast supplies of American arms in Taiwan. These are considered sufficient to enable him to hold out against the Communists for several months. At present the State Department is obviously opposed to any further arms for Generalissimo Chiang, but the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, might take a different view. At least he is reported to feel that the State Department should quickly come forward with some more definite Far Eastern policy, including Taiwan, than it now has.

Anglo-U.S. Split On Recognition

On the recognition question the State Department is under pressure from another direction. Britain is expected to recognise the Communists in a few weeks and contends that this is the only reasonable step to take. An American-British split on this point seems inevitable.

The one fixed fact about long-range American policy toward Taiwan at the moment seems to be that the Joint Chiefs of Staff have decided that while it is of strategic importance to the United States to keep it out of Communist hands, it is not of sufficient value to warrant this Government becoming involved militarily to hold it. That decision is, of course, subject to periodic reviews.

Administration officials find their major difficulty, so far as the American public opinion is concerned, in resisting pressure efforts to force the State Department's hands in various aspects of the Chinese situation.

Suggestions such as those that the United States Navy blockade the coast of Communist China, send troops to Taiwan against the Communists or land marines to rescue the missing Americans in the area have not been taken seriously by any responsible Government official. However, they represent constant irritants in the situation.

Moscow's Aims

Officials feel that any of the foregoing situations would play directly into Communist hands, not particularly in China but in the global "cold war." There is still a strong feeling in the State Department that Moscow would like to embroil the United States in the Far East to a sufficient extent to direct Washington's attention from Europe and the Middle East, particularly the latter.

Officials hope to present as firm as possible an anti-Communist front in the Far East as they can without becoming entangled in situations which may react to their discredit.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson's, meeting with House and Senate Foreign Affairs groups after the first of next year plus the meeting in Bangkok in January of United States Far Eastern diplomats, are expected to clarify the situation to some extent. Barring some dramatic change, officials see no possibility or American recognition until well after those events have taken place.—Associated Press and United Press.

San Francisco, December 11.

A Civil Air Transport bureau and a Meteorological Bureau were recently set up by the Communist government, Peking radio said today. Chung Chih-pin and Tu Chang-wang were appointed directors of the two bureaux, respectively.—United Press.

QUIRINO, AVELINO AGREEMENT

Manila, December 12

President Elpidio Quirino and suspended Senator Jose Avelino confronted Dr Jose P. Laurel's Nacionalista Party with a public reconciliation agreement on the eve of tomorrow's opening of Congress for canvassing of election returns.

Senator Avelino, who ran a poor third as Presidential candidate of a fraction of the Liberal Party and President Quirino, who led Dr. Laurel by nearly 500,000 votes in the November 8 balloting, late last night jointly announced these terms in a statement to the Press:

"There is a pact between the Liberal Party headed by President Quirino and the Liberal Party headed by Mr. Avelino for a reconciliation.

"Under this conciliation Mr. Avelino will be restored to his former position as President of the Senate and at the same time the parties of the agreement pledge to proclaim President Quirino and Vice-President-elect Fernando Lopez in accordance with the provisions of the electional law and the constitution."

The agreement was signed by 12 Senators from both wings of the Party, one more than a majority in the 23-seat Senate which will canvass the Presidential and Vice-Presidential returns.

Four of the signers were Avelino followers among a group who last week signed another agreement between Avelino and Laurel supporters which would have placed Senate President pro tempore Melecio Arranz in the chair at tomorrow's session as acting Senate President in place of Quirino supporter Senator M. Jesus Cuenco.

Mr. Arranz resigned from the Liberal Party after apparent success of a deal which would have given him power to control the Senate.

Observers believe the deal insures proclamation of Mr. Quirino and Mr. Lopez as duly elected for a four-year term despite any possible combination of opposition members of the Senate or House.

Manila morning papers quoted reliable party sources as saying non-announced portions of the agreement included appointment of Mr. Avelino to an important South American diplomatic post when his term expires on December 30, restoration to Government jobs of many Avelino followers ousted during the campaign and a full participation of Avelino followers in party and senate committee posts of importance.—Associated Press.

Jap Ship To Carry Jap Exports

Tokyo, December 12.

The Kawasaki Steamship Company's 9,800-ton freighter, Seisen Maru, is due to leave Kobe on December 15 with the first export cargo to be carried aboard a Japanese bottom since the surrender.

Japanese ships have been used for ocean transportation before, but only to bring back crude oil, or iron ore, and they have always left Japan with empty holds.

The vessel will carry 1,406 tons of cotton piece-goods to Rangoon. Shipping rates between Japan and Rangoon have not yet been fixed, but Japanese authorities have requested approval of the rate of US$19.00 per ton.—Reuter.

Recognition Urged On UK Government

London, December 11.

Britain's United Nations Association — an unofficial body—today approved recognition of Communist China and urged the British Government to press for agreement on the issue in the United Nations.

A resolution passed by the organisation's council said that it is in the best interests that the Communist government of China be given early recognition and that recognition be withdrawn from the Nationalist Government.

The United Nations Association here is composed of educators, officials and intellectuals who are interested in international affairs and especially in the work of the United Nations organisation. It has no official status.—Associated Press.

PIGNON'S REPLY TO CHOU

Saigon, December 11.

The firm declaration by the French High Commissioner in Indo-China that French troops will oppose any entry by Chinese armed forces is regarded in authoritative circles here as the official reply to the recent note from Mr. Chou En-lai, Communist China's Foreign Minister.

The declaration was made yesterday by M. Leon Pignon in the name of the Governments of France and Vietnam.

Mr. Chou En-lai's note was addressed to "adjacent countries, in particular France and Vietnam."

It said that Chinese Communist troops would pursue the Nationalist forces even into adjacent States if they took refuge there.

M. Pignon's declaration said that "in no circumstances will the French and Vietnam Governments allow Vietnam territory to serve as a refuge for elements liable to affect the security of the frontier regions and good neighbourly relations with adjacent States."

This is regarded not only as a sign of the French desire to avoid all misunderstanding with Communist China but also as a first step towards the future recognition of the Communist Government of Mr. Mao Tse-tung.—Reuter.

JAPAN EXPORT TO THAILAND

Tokyo, December 12.

Trade sources said that Japan will export to Thailand soon 70 railway passenger coaches and 500 freight cars worth approximately $4,000,000.

As a result of recent negotiations between Thai and Japanese representatives in Bangkok, export will be conducted on a government-to-government basis.—United Press.

TIGON DEAD

Manchester, December 11.

Britain's only "tigon" (the offspring of a tiger and a lioness) has died at the age of 17 in a zoo here after catching a chill.

There are now believed to be only two tigons in the world.—Reuter.

ANGUS WARD HAD "HELLISH TREATMENT"

Aboard Lakeland Victory, Taku Bar, December 12.

Mr. Angus Ward and his party of 19 boarded this evacuation ship today and declared he had suffered "hellish treatment" from Chinese Communists.

The newly-freed U.S. Consul-General told reporters he had been kept 24 days in solitary confinement in an often unheated and sometimes underheated jail in Mukden.

Mr. Ward, his wife and staff had been detained in Mukden, his post, by the Reds since they captured that Manchurian metropolis in November 1948.

The 19 came aboard after Mr. Ward had boarded first then, after some negotiation with the Chinese Communists who came on the ship with him, signed a statement for the Tientsin Municipal People's Public Security Bureau saying he and his group "safely and without molestation" boarded the Lakeland Victory.

After 10 months of unexplained detention, the Consul-General and four aides were charged by the Communists with beating a Chinese employee. The Reds said the five confessed. They were convicted by a Red court and ordered to be expelled.

Mr. Ward denied flatly today that he confessed to the charge, as the Red radio reported.

Members of Mr. Ward's party: Mrs. Ward, Janina Norwick, stateless alien, Vice-Consul William N. Stokes, Elden A. Berickson, Walter S. Norman, Mary E. Barden, Vice-Consul Fred E. Hubard, Jack Feigal, Hugh C. Pleard, Ralph C. Rehberg, Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Tatsumi, Miss Hayno Tatsumi and Abiko Tatsumi, all of San Francisco, Mrs. Chico Chen, daughter of the Tatsumis and her son, George Chen, Alfred E. Kristan, German, Franco Ciccogna and his wife, Nadie, Italians.

Asked how it felt to be on board, Mr. Ward replied, "Just imagine how you will feel the day after St. Peter lets you in."

Mr. Ward lost 25 pounds during his year's virtual imprisonment in Mukden.

Tall, gaunt, balding and bearded, Mr. Ward said, "No Americans that we know of remain in Manchuria.

"I have no idea," he added, when asked if the Chinese Reds will continue treating Americans as they treated him.

A Travesty

Actually, Mr. Ward was not the first "member" of his party aboard. He was preceded up the gangway by the Irish setter dog of Vice-Consul Hubbard.

Mr. Ward implied that his trial and conviction on a charge of beating a Chinese employee was a travesty. He said he did not know why he was arrested until a writ of indictment, poorly translated into English, was read in the courtroom. He said the Judge promised a second reading of the writ but this was never done.

While awaiting trial, Mr. Ward said, he was held two weeks in unheated quarters in freezing temperatures of Mukden, 10 days in underheated quarters and four days in heated quarters. He was given only six slices of bread daily, he said, and hot water—"not a very strengthening or fattening diet."—Associated Press.

No Confession

Despite the Red radio assertion that Mr. Ward confessed to the beating charge, Mr. Ward said, "No one ever got a confession out of me."

After he was convicted and ordered deported, Mr. Ward and his party went to Peking by rail —"a 40-hour trip for us—15 for anyone else."

Mr. Ward said he asked for first class accommodations for his party but was given third class in unheated cars with wooden benches for seats.

The six-foot Ward boarded the Lakeland dressed in breeches, felt leggings, a tan canvas coat with sheepskin collar and fur hat. He wore steel-rimmed spectacles and smoked a stubby black pipe while he talked with newsmen and negotiated with Chinese officials. — Associated Press.

Very Grave Danger In Kashmir

New York, December 11.

The Pakistan Ambassador at large, Nawab Mushtaq Ahmed Gurmani, warned here today against "very grave dangers" for the entire world if the Kashmir dispute between Pakistan and India is not settled peacefully.

He has arrived by air from London to participate in the United Nations Security Council's hearing on the dispute. The Council will consider the report of the Kashmir Commission on December 17.

Though United Nations officials have kept the report secret it is expected to propose the appointment of a Mediator.

The Ambassador at large declared that Pakistan favoured a plebiscite but was opposed to any form of partition, adding: "We do not regard Kashmir as property to be divided or the people as cattle."—Reuter.

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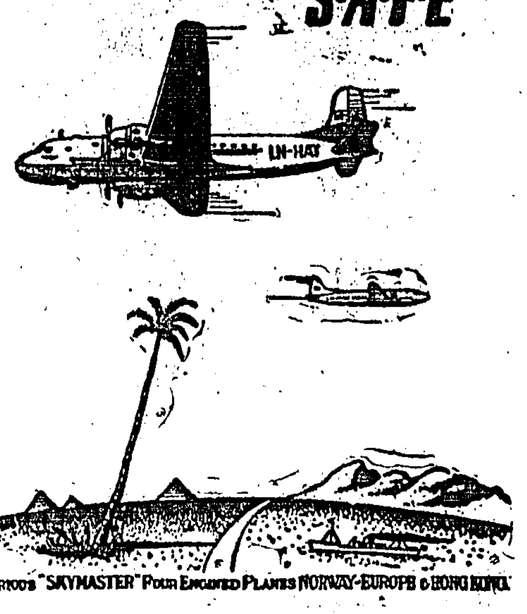

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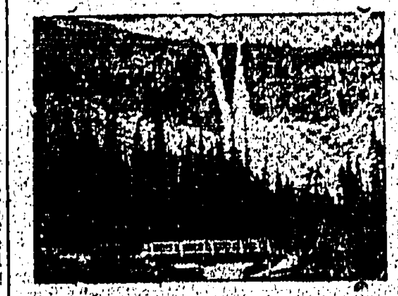

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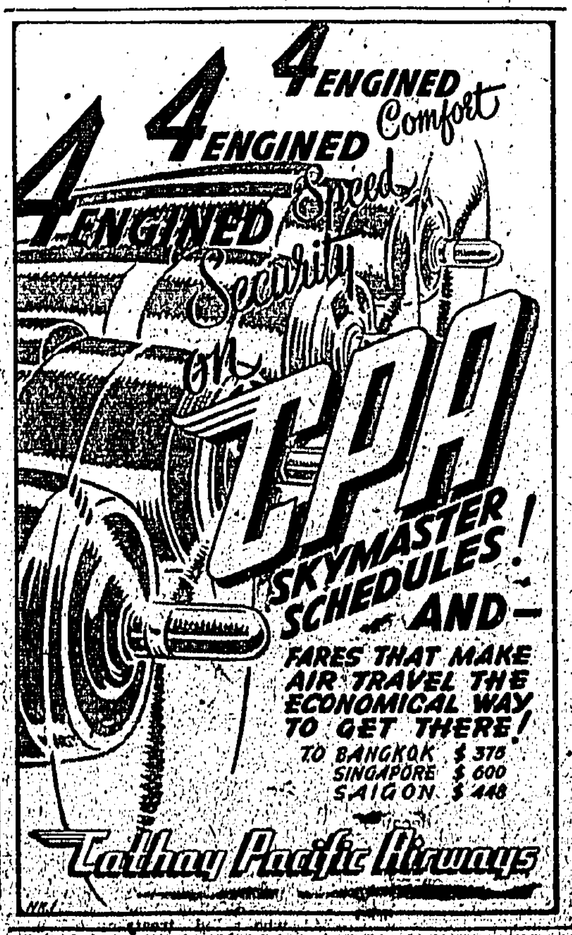

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New Air Official For Hong Kong

With the recent expansion of the Pan American World Airways system in this part of the world, a new cargo freighter supervisor has been assigned to the "System of World Clippers" office in Hong Kong.

Arriving here on November 6 from Okinawa, Mr. Herbert Hall Pierce of Los Angeles, California, is now one of the many PAA staff members who is doing his part in keeping the Clippers in the air.

Mr. Herbert H. Pierce

Mr. Pierce, formerly with the United States Navy, was before coming to the Colony a cargo freighter man in Shanghai and Okinawa.

Just before he joined the U.S. Navy, he was a high school graduate. He joined the Navy on November 1, 1943, when the second world war was at its height.

Partly due to his keen grasp of affairs he was not sent overseas but kept in the U.S. to complete advanced training in the College of the Pacific, University of Washington. He also went to the Harvard University where he was a student in the Midshipman's school.

Training period at both the University of Washington and at Harvard lasted two years. Later when Mr. Pierce finally graduated from the schools with honours, he was assigned to the Aviation Supply, USN, at Jacksonville, and the Naval Air Station at San Diego, California.

In the middle of 1946, he was honourably discharged from the Navy. Not satisfied with his scholastic achievements he again enrolled in the University of California, this time as an aeronautic student.

His first day with the PAA fell on October 6, 1948. His assignment then was at Seattle, Washington. Later he was transferred to San Francisco where he learned the intricacies of the cargo freighter job.

His first overseas assignment came in January 1941 when the PAA ordered him to Shanghai.

He was stationed there until that city was occupied by the Chinese Communists. From Shanghai he went to Okinawa via Hong Kong.

Mr. Pierce who is now 24 years of age, has been in the Colony twice before. The first time was when he was working with PAA at Shanghai. At that time he was here on a mission. He spent the 1949 Chinese New Year here.

According to Mr. Pierce himself, that Chinese New Year was his first insight into the celebrations ushering in the traditional Chinese New Year.

"Although back in the States, Chinese in China Town usually celebrate Chinese New Year with dragon dances and other games, I saw my first Chinese New Year dragon in Hong Kong," he declared.

Also he said that there seemed to be more fire crackers being burnt at Chinese New Year here than "back home."

His second trip to Hong Kong came about when he was ordered to Okinawa from Shanghai.

A short period after this he was transferred here.

Mr. Pierce whose father is a retired Episcopal Minister, said that in some ways he prefers Hong Kong to Shanghai. However, every now and then he wishes he could return to Shanghai and enjoy a little bit of its former celebrated night life.

Blond and soft spoken, Mr. Pierce said that he left a girl in Okinawa. She is a Special Service worker.

Although he has discarded his naval uniform, Mr. Pierce still looks like a typical young naval officer, especially when he is wearing his PAA cap and a suit of light tan shirt and slacks.

CAUSE OF BURMA'S TROUBLES

Rangoon, December 11.

The Premier of Burma, Thakin Nu, said in a speech in Rangoon today that long years of foreign domination was the root cause of Burma's troubles.

The years of serfdom, he said, had contributed to the country's degeneration, rendering the Burmese incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong.

He warned that there will be serious repercussions inside Burma unless future foreign relations are carefully conducted.

It would be best and safest for Burma not to ally herself with any power bloc, whether Communist or anti-Communist, he said.

He advocated a policy of friendship with all countries respecting Burma's sovereignty and working with the Burmese for mutual benefit.

He added that peace throughout Burma is a prerequisite for the creation of a separate State for the Karen people (The government has accepted in principle the creation of such a State).

The rally occasion was the laying of a foundation stone for a peace monument near the sacred Buddhist shrine at Shwedagon Pagoda.—Associated Press.

Big French Casualties Claimed

Prague, December 11.

Le Duc Olinh, chief delegate, from Vietnam, claimed at the Czechoslovak Trades Union Council which opened at Prague today that the French forces had lost more than 100,000 men dead and wounded in Vietnam fighting since December, 1936.

"In the same period," he said, "we have lost not more than 10,000 men but retaliation of the French against the Vietnam people has raised our casualties much higher."

He also alleged that in a force of 150,000 soldiers the French sent against the Vietnamese were 60,000 Germans, "former Hitler S.S. troops."

He thanked "the working people of Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria for their moral and material help in our fight."—Associated Press.

SOCIALIST TALKS ON GERMANY

Paris, December 11.

Some British, French and German delegates to the two-day international Socialist conference here today slipped into an adjoining room to iron out German problems.

They were the British Labour Party Secretary, Mr. Morgan Phillips; the French elder statesman, M. Leon Blum; M. Salomon Grumbach, French Socialist expert on German affairs; Herr Erich Collenhauer, Vice-President of the German Socialist Party; Professor Erich Noetling, Minister of Economic Affairs for North Rhine and Westphalia; and Herr Franz Boegler, member of the German Socialist Party's Executive Committee.

A communique issued said that the statesmen discussed mainly the Ruhr and had decided to hold further talks of this kind.

The principal bone of contention, conference circles said, was the International Ruhr Authority which was set up by Article 18 of the Ruhr Statute, signed last December by France, Britain, the United States and the Benelux countries. For security reasons this Authority has trading control over prices competition, trading practices and so on.

The French and British representatives both stressed that German fears of this Authority were merely hypothetical and that both the Labour Party and the French Socialists would go into the question if the fears ever became real.

M. Grumbach said after today's talks that dismantling was hardly touched upon at the Bonn Agreement satisfied fairly well Socialists on both sides of the Rhine.

The delegates agreed that it was desirable that the Bonn Agreement between West Germany and the Allies should be ratified by the West German Parliament.—Reuter.

PRINCE CHARLES

London, December 11.

Prince Charles of Edinburgh, the baby son of Princess Elizabeth, who was yesterday reported to have had an attack of tonsilitis, is today continuing his recovery "smoothly and rapidly," it was learned at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

Off To Wrecked Battleship

Efforts are being made on the Cornish coast to raise the British battleship Warspite from the rocks at Prussia Cove, near Penzance, where she ran ashore in April 1947. Photo shows one of the 60 workmen stripping the ship taking out a barrel of oil on the aerial railway—only way to reach the vessel in rough weather. (Associated Press Photo).

BRITAIN OPPOSING ARMY FOR GERMANY

London, December 11.

Britain will fight German proposals for an army, national or international, regardless of opinion in Bonn, Washington or Paris, authoritative quarters said today.

These quarters, reflecting the opinion of Britain's highest officials, said West German units might prove to be a Frankenstein monster which would return the world to the 1930s.

The sources said such West German units could:

1. Start civil war in the Western Zone to overthrow the right of centre Bonn Government.
2. Precipitate preventive war from Moscow if the Russians interpreted the creation of a defensive force as the start of an offensive against them.
3. Bring about an East-West race to arm the respective zones of Germany.
4. Ally themselves with Russia in a new "totalitarian axis".
5. Stifle Democratic elements struggling for existence in the new Republic.

French Attitude

One high official said, "Calling a German army international does not change it. It would still be an army based in Germany, made up of Germans, no matter who nominally controlled it."

Some sources here suspected that the West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, despite policy declarations from the three Allied capitals to the contrary, might be supported by 'individual' Allied officials in his call for international forces.

There have been indications that Western military leaders believe armed German units will be the only means of creating sufficient military strength to make the defeat of Germany and Western Europe a practical impossibility.

In addition, these sources believed the French might be seriously thinking in terms of an international force.

Informed British quarters disclosed that the new Bonn regime has a long way to go before full confidence can be created in the peaceful intentions of the Germans.

Russian Alliance Possibility

One official said: "Whoever controls Germany will control Western Europe and you can never eliminate the possibility of a Russian alliance with either a Rightist or Leftist German regime. Do not forget 1939 and the Hitler-Stalin pact."

Sources said a large armed police force would fall in the same category as a German army. Western occupation troops amount to little more than token forces and Army or police units could become a major factor in military strength within Germany.

Increase of occupation forces would constitute a diplomatic defeat, officials said, and no developments should be permitted which might require this.

One official added: "Give the Germans an army and the next thing they will want will be the right to supply it. Then you are back in the 1930s."—United Press.

VICTIMS OF THE WEATHER

New York, December 11.

Bad weather, ranging from winter's first blizzard in the Northern plains to fog and ice elsewhere, caused at least 12 deaths throughout the United States this week-end.

The victims were killed in accidents caused by slippery roads, drizzling rain and fog.—Reuter.

EDITOR'S DEATH

Pittsburg, December 11.

Mr. Edward T. Leech, senior of the Scripps Howard chain of newspapers, died here today in hospital. He was 57.

Mr. Leech came into prominence recently when following a visit to Britain he wrote a series of anti-Socialist articles in his newspaper, the "Pittsburg Press."—Reuter.

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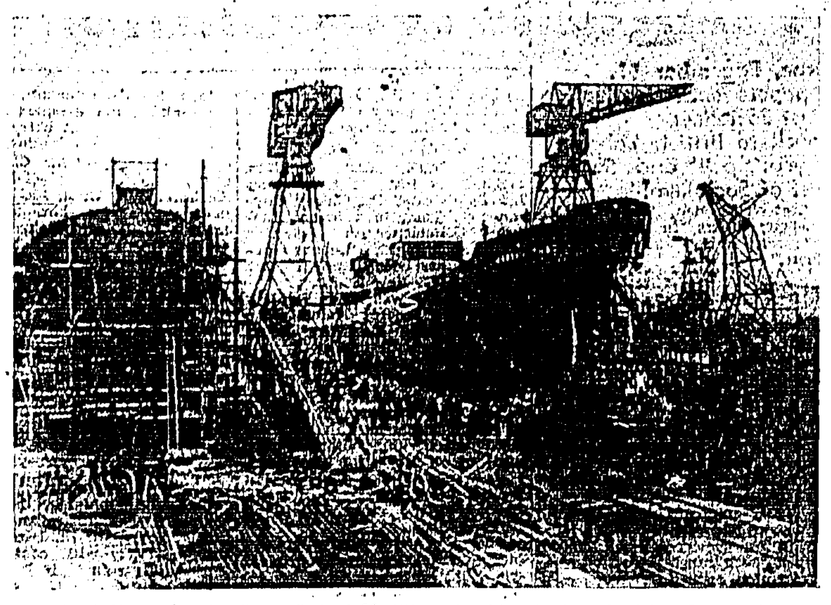

The 1500-ton Martha Rus—first of 84 new cargo ships destined for West Germany's post-war Merchant Marine—was launched at Luebeck on the Baltic coast. The ship is 297 feet long, 43 feet wide and has a cargo capacity of 3000 tons. She cruises at just over 11 knots. The Martha Rus is seen during the launching ceremony in Luebeck's Flender shipyard. West German Government officials and thousands of spectators saw the launch. (AP Photo).

CHANCE SAVED CHIANG FROM BEING CAPTURED IN COUP AT YUNNAN

Taipeh, December 11.

The Chinese Nationalists disclosed today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek only accidentally escaped capture by the turncoats who took over Yunnan province on Saturday.

The Former Premier, Chang Chun, was caught in the net along with four Nationalist army commanders

Generalissimo Chiang now is on this island fortress. Here they are busy executing Communist agents and preparing for an expected Red attack.

With Yunnan apparently lost, despite some confusion about the attitude of four Nationalist armies there, the Nationalists also are fearful that the big Western province of Sikang also will go Red.

General Chang Chun went to Kunming, Yunnan provincial capital, on Friday to try to hold its Governor, Lu Han, in the Nationalist camp.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's staff told this correspondent that the Generalissimo also was planning a trip to Kunming from the then provisional capital of Chengtu.

He had no inkling of treachery, but an unexpected conference kept him in Chengtu.

Rumours were rife in Chengtu that leaders there were planning a deal with the Reds.

Staff's Fears

Fearing that he might be caught in Chengtu, his staff insisted that he waste no time in returning to Taiwan. He finally flew out on Friday night, just as the Kunming coup was breaking.

(The pro-Communist paper "Ta Kung Pao" in Hong Kong published a message from Yunnan's Governor Lu Han to Mao Tse-tung, Communist leader, that the entire province had been "liberated from the reactionaries" and "we now await advice and instructions from you.")

Nationalist officials in Taiwan expressed hope that at least the 26th Army, one of the four Nationalist forces in Yunnan, is still loyal to the Generalissimo.

Nationalist planes scattered handbills on Kunming, containing personal messages from Generalissimo Chiang to the troops.

Meanwhile in Taiwan, Nationalist authorities executed 11 alleged Red agents on Saturday and today. More than 100 others are reported to have been arrested in a general round-up.—Associated Press.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Coaster Sunk In Channel

Deal, December 11.

After several hours' search, the Coast Guard abandoned efforts to find six members of the nine-man crew of the 329-ton Dutch coastal vessel Toothvlist.

The ship heeled over in a gale early this morning and sank midway between the treacherous Goodwin Sands and the French coast.—United Press.

CONFLICT IN CZECH INDUSTRY

Prague, December 11.

The Prime Minister, Antonin Zapotocky, today admitted that many bitter conflicts had developed in industries as a result of the Communist step-up techniques.

Speaking at the national conference of Czechoslovak trade unions, M. Zapotocky said, "Lack of information from officials caused many bitter conflicts at plants when workers were told about new methods of norms."

The Government has progressively set higher working norms geared to the capability of the best workers.

In a three-hour speech, M. Zapotocky, who is the Trade Union President as well as premier, made these points:

1. No opposition trade union will be tolerated.
2. More nationalisation is coming.
3. "Increased class vigilance" is needed to defend Communism.
4. Trade unions support a policy of close co-operation with Soviet Russia.

M. Zapotocky also said that small and medium-sized private enterprises will not be nationalised, but immediately afterwards accused the few remaining private concerns of "disruptive planning and creating chaos in the production system". He said private concerns must have a "positive attitude and form co-operatives if they want to escape nationalisation".

"We will tolerate and protect private production if it will join us and if they will discard their exploiting capitalist methods, which they have kept for their own greedy purposes, and will work faster and cheaper."—United Press.

Washington, December 11.

Americans will spend $50,000,000 on about 21,500,000 Christmas trees within the next two weeks Government sources estimated today.—Reuter.

Task For Europe's Culture

Lausanne, December 11.

Signor Alberto Moravia, the Italian novelist, told the European Conference on Culture here today that nationalism must be eradicated before a true European spirit could emerge.

"Today in Italy," he said "there are many young people who still feel hostilgically about Fascism."

Signor Moravia declared: "The main task of culture must be to work for a long and stable peace in order to allow for the rebirth of values and that these shall never be destroyed.

"We must make propaganda to tell the peoples that a united Europe can, and must, exist. Energetic measures must be taken to strengthen the European spirit and to eradicate nationalism."

Herr Karl Schmidt, deputy leader of the German Federal Assembly at Bonn, declared that European culture must be preserved and expanded. "It is a great inheritance," he said, "and it is up to us to create new eras and greater eras of happiness."

Canon Collins, of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, said that real European unity could not be achieved without faith, adding: "I would like to suggest that practical work should be put under way to determine a basic doctrine for European unity."—Reuter.

U.S. ACCUSED OF WAR PLOT

Prague, December 12.

M. Rudolf Slanskey, the Slovak Communist Party's General Secretary, has warned the party to base all their actions on the assumption that "the United States is attempting the enslavement of other nations and preparing a new slaughter of war."

They must expect to find that agents of imperialism had penetrated or tried to penetrate the ranks of the party, he said.

"American imperialism has become the mainstay of world reaction," he declared. "They send us their spies, saboteurs and terrorists, just as Hitler also built his fifth column."

He said the spies would reveal themselves by their hostility to the Soviet Union and their adherence to Tito.—Reuter.

British Agent Predicted Tito Split With Reds

Sofia, December 11.

At today's sitting of the Bulgarian spy trial, Lazar Popovski — a former editor and before the war an important figure in Bulgarian politics —testified that a British intelligence man predicted Yugoslavia's split with the Soviet Union.

Popovski said that in 1945, when he was Bulgarian Consul-General in Istanbul, he gave a visa to an Englishman named "Billy Watson" who had been a British representative in the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Varna before the war.

Watson, he said, was identified to him later by Nikolai Petkov, Bulgarian Opposition leader executed for treason in 1947, as "one of the chief British intelligence men in the Balkans."

In February, 1948, Watson had predicted to him that events then "coming to a head" in Yugoslavia would split off Yugoslavia from the Soviet Union and this would be followed by a serious split also in Bulgaria and other countries.

(The Yugoslav-Soviet split occurred in the summer of 1948).

Two prosecution witnesses told the Court today Yugoslavia had planned to take over Greek Macedonia with Salonika as capital at the end of 1944.

Kasev Stolchev and Georgi Madoorev, both Bulgarian Macedonian leaders, testified that in 1944 General Vurkanovic Tempo told Marshal Tito's emissary that Macedonia had begun to organise a brigade of Macedonians to go to Greece under the command of General Apopolski, a Yugoslav Communist leader.

Macedonia Plan

The Yugoslav plan was also stated to have included annexation of the Bulgarian part of Macedonia, known as the Pirin region, and the unification of Macedonia within the frontiers of Yugoslavia.

The witnesses said that they understood that certain Bulgarian Communist leaders had come to an agreement with the Yugoslavs on this question, and that these were headed by Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian Deputy Premier, chief defendant in the trial.

There were several references to British intelligence services at today's hearing which was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Pro-British Rally In Cyprus

Nicosia, December 11.

A meeting of Turks in Cyprus today passed a resolution urging that the island's defence and security could only be safeguarded by Britain.

Large crowds cried: "Down with Enosis" (Union with Greece), and "We want Britain to stay."

The resolution declaring that Enosis would lead to civil war and economic ruin has been cabled to the United Nations, to Mr. Ernest Bevin, to the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Necmeddin Sadak, and to the Governor of Cyprus, Sir Andrew Barnworth Wright.

The meeting was called to protest against the Cyprus Holy Synod's decision to organise "a peaceful battle" for Enosis by a plebiscite. About 310,000 of the island's 450,000 inhabitants belong to the Greek Orthodox Church. There are about 80,000 Moslems.—Reuter.

MISSILE EXPERT IN BRITAIN

London, December 11.

Brigadier-General Robert Miller Montague, American guided missiles expert, arrived in London tonight by air from Rome to lecture on atomic warfare to United States Army personnel in Britain.

The General, who will be here for three days, is Director of the anti-aircraft and guided missiles branch of the United States Army Artillery School at Fort Bliss, Texas. With him were five of his Staff officers who will also lecture on atomic warfare as part of the American military training programme.

General Montague said that his visit would not entail "liaison with the British services".—Reuter.

West Java Accepts Agreement

Batavia, December 12.

The provisional Parliament of the State of West Java today accepted the results of the Hague conference and Indonesia's provisional constitution with 8-4 in favour and two abstentions.

So far 13 States and areas have accepted the documents.

The decisions of the islands of Banka and Billiton and the Indonesian Republic are expected early next week.

A Committee of Indonesian leaders preparing the way for the new government announced the signing of a provisional constitution by the component States has been postponed from December 12 to December 13.

The announcement added the election and swearing in of a new States President will take place in Jogjakarta on December 17 and not as originally planned on December 15.—Associated Press.

SOUTH AFRICA'S BIG PROBLEM

Halifax, December 11.

Mr. A. A. Roberts, South Africa's High Commissioner to Canada, told the Canadian Club today that his country's big problem is the mixed tribes and languages and the traditional hatreds.

"These people are not fit to control themselves," he said in an address. "The minute the white man's guiding hand is removed there would be chaos—they would kill one another."—Associated Press.

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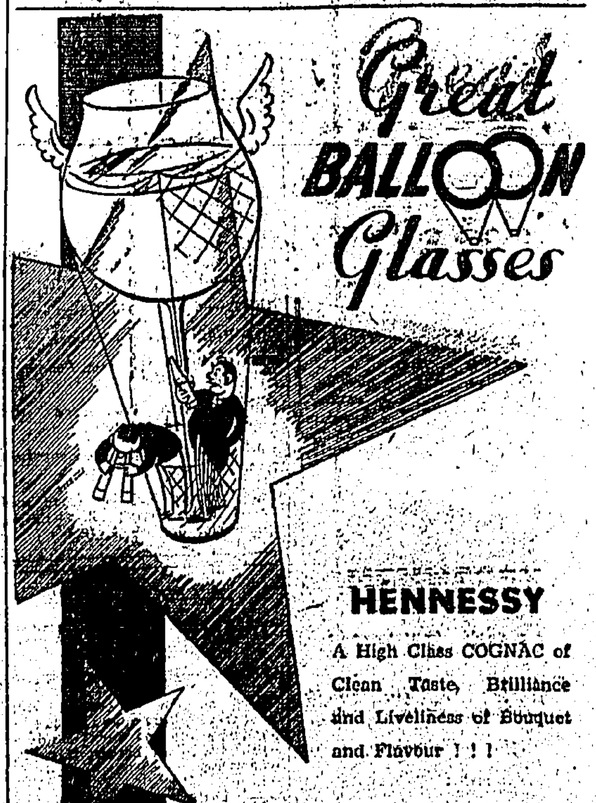

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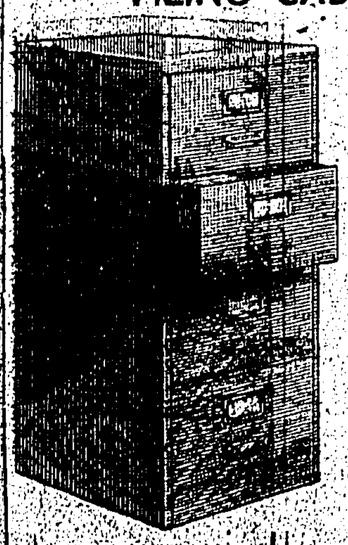

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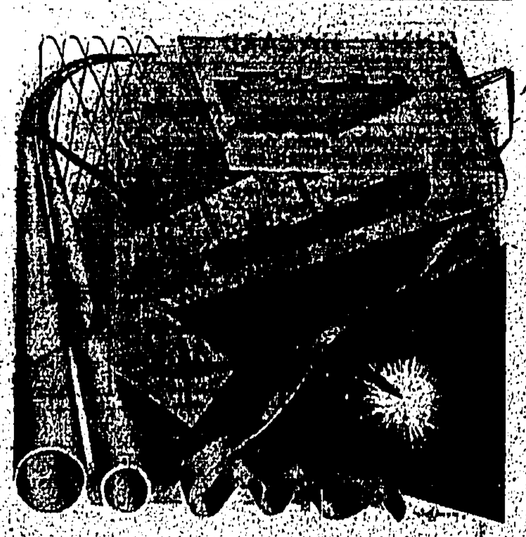
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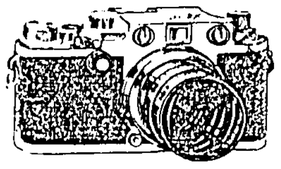
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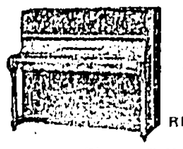
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What you should know about Christmas

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Dimitrov's Body Put On View

Sofia, December 11.

The body of Georgi Dimitrov, embalmed by a secret Russian treatment which will preserve it for several hundred years, was put on public view today in a snow white mausoleum built for it in the centre of Sofia.

The Russian professor who embalmed Lenin told newsmen that the method was better than the ancient Egyptian mummification process and might last longer. The Diplomatic Corps, led by nearly 100 members of the Russian Embassy and their families, paid respects this morning to the 67-year-old International Communist who died on July 2 in Moscow Sanatorium.

In a huge high room in the centre of the mausoleum, Dimitrov's body lies in a glass case. There is a trace of a smile on his face under his Stalin-like moustache and his flesh is of a lifelike colour.

The embalmer said the secret process was different from the ancient Egyptian methods. The Egyptian embalming made the flesh go away and the skin stick to the bones so all resemblance of living disappeared. He was asked how long the embalming would last. He said, "I can guarantee several hundred years. Up to now we have only the example of Lenin who has lasted 26 years."

The process he used has not been published. He and two Bulgarian assistants worked three months to embalm Dimitrov.—United Press.

Duesseldorf, December 11.

The first postwar civilian airline between France and Germany will be innugurated tomorrow when an Air France airliner touches down in Duesseldorf from Paris.—Reuter.

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New Strike Threat In Italy

Rome, December 11.

A nationwide strike of 1,000,000 Government workers threatens Italy again today.

Labour leaders representing both Communist and anti-Communist Unions announced that they will call a 24-hour strike if the Government fails to grant general pay increases.

The strike had originally been set for Saturday but was suspended pending possible action by the Senate next Tuesday.

The labour leaders, however, renewed their strike threat after the Finance Minister, Giuseppe Pella, indicated that the Government could not afford the increases.

Labour leaders complained some Government employees receive less than 25,000 lire (about £14) monthly.

Sources close to the Labour Unions said the strike is now tentatively set for next Thursday. There was no confirmation of rumours that employees of the Government-owned railways system may also come out.—Associated Press.

Trieste, December 11.

Trieste was without newspapers today following the sudden strike of printers for pay increases.—United Press.

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Election Result Hailed As Verdict Against Socialism

Melbourne, December 11.

Most Australian morning papers enthusiastically hailed the verdict against Socialism.

Typical headlines were "Shock to British Labour: Result may affect next year's poll" and "Swing as part of world distrust of Socialism."

The "Melbourne Sun" predicted that a greater supply of overseas capital would seek investment in Australia—including capital from the United States—as a result of the Labour Government's defeat.

"Investors will expect from the new Government in due course a strong drive to increase production," the newspaper said.

World reaction to the Australian election was reported by Reuter correspondents as follows:

New York:—American political writers believe that the swing away from Labour indicated that a similar trend is likely in the British election next year.

Moscow:—The official Soviet news agency, Tass, reported the election result without comment and without mentioning the fate of the many Communist candidates who lost their deposits.

Paris:—Delegates at the Congress of European Socialists (COMISCO) generally felt that Labour's fall was caused by local reasons, which have nothing to do with the problems of Socialism in Europe.

Stockholm:—Members of the Government Party (Social Democrats) commented: "What happens in Australia has no direct effect on Sweden, but if British Labour suffers the same reverse we can expect some reaction here."

Away With Illusions

Brussels:—A Belgian Socialist leader said: "These election results prove that both New Zealand and Australia are increasingly influenced by the policy of the United States."

The Catholic newspaper, "La Libre Belgique", commented: "Everywhere one sees the same thing. The voters are pulling themselves together and refuse to live any longer under illusions."

Eighty-one candidates for the House of Representatives are likely to lose sums equal to £20,000, which each must deposit as a precaution against frivolous candidatures.

This number is expected to include all 34 candidates nominated by the Communist Party.

Leading Sydney bookmakers estimate that they will pay out A£8,999 to people who bet on a Liberal victory. They believed a senior member in Mr. Chifley's Cabinet would lose £4,000 for betting that Labour would win.

The Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Mr. R. R. Broadby, declared in Sydney today that Labour would immediately prepare for another election within 12 months.

Coalition Claim

The anti-Socialist Coalition claimed tonight to have very heavily defeated the Chifley Government. Thus, in a second British Commonwealth election within a fortnight, a Labour Government has been thrown out. The first was New Zealand.

The claim was made by the Australian Liberal leader, Mr. Robert Gordon Menzies, who is Prime Minister-designate.

The latest estimates placed the likely majority of his Liberal-Country Party Coalition at 31 in a House of Representatives with 121 voting members.

Though the final voting figures will not be known for some days, it is expected that the present position—Coalition 76 seats, Labour 44, two doubtful—will be little changed.

The figures for the cities and big industrial areas were complete when the vote counting closed tonight. Time is needed to collect the votes in remoter areas.

Chifley's Last Election?

Political observers in Canberra, the Australian Federal capital, think it unlikely that Mr. Joseph B. Chifley will lead his party in another election campaign. He is expected to be at his desk in the capital tomorrow to complete the arrangements for transferring power to the Coalition.

It is thought that Mr. Menzies will need at least a week to form his Government. In the meantime, the defeated Labour Government will carry on a caretaker Administration.

Observers expect Mr. Chifley to call on the Governor-General of Australia, Mr. W. J. McKell, tomorrow to advise him formally that he no longer retains control of Parliament and to tender his resignation.

Mr. Menzies may take over the External Affairs Ministry himself or he may feel the increasing travel obligations of a Foreign Minister should not be undertaken by a Prime Minister.

Mr. R. G. Casey, wartime member of the British Cabinet, is being quoted as a likely Foreign Minister if Mr. Menzies decides against taking the portfolio himself.

Red Statement

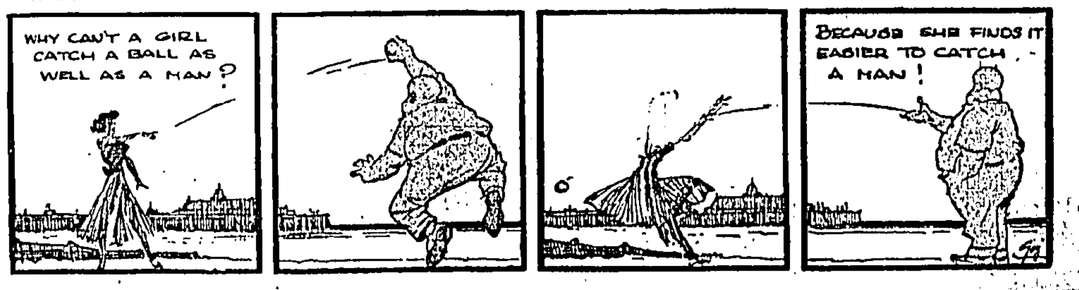
In Sydney tonight, the President of the Australian Communist Party, Mr. R. Dixon, said that the Party will continue its work underground if it is outlawed by the new Government.

He was commenting on the pledge of the victorious Coalition to declare the Communist Party illegal.

"We will carry on our work whether in the conditions of legality or illegality," Mr. Dixon added.

Mr. Menzies must know, he said, that the banning of the Communist Party would not be acceptable to the trade union movement and that unions would resist such an action.—Reuter.

POP — Game, set and match



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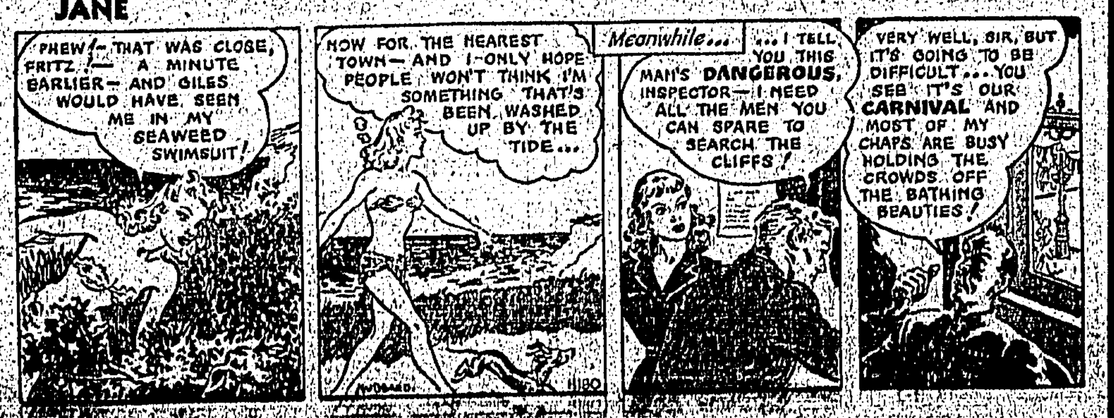

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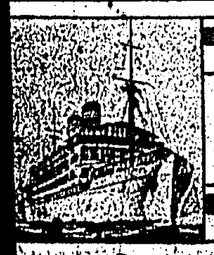

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Israel To Defy UN Governor Of The Holy City

Tel Aviv, December 11.

Mosho Perlman, Israeli Government spokesman, said today that Israel will defy the United Nations governor of internationalised Jerusalem with "passive resistance."

He said, "I don't know if he will find a house to work in. If he does and sets about establishing public services no one will avail himself of such services."

Mr. Perlman declined to say what decisions the Cabinet had reached in a two-hour session during which it reviewed the Jerusalem situation in the light of the United Nations General Assembly's decision to put the city under international control.

He added, "But America, Britain, the Netherlands and Sweden warned the General Assembly of the consequences should the scheme prove unworkable. We don't want to say 'We told you so', but it looks as if we will have to."

Mr. Perlman said the UN decision will not introduce any change in Jerusalem's physical life and the Government will continue to perform its services.

He would not say whether the Government had decided to transfer its activities to Jerusalem or if the General Assembly's step has accelerated such a move.

May Transfer

Some sources close to the Cabinet thought that the Government would transfer its activities at least symbolically within the next three or four days.

There has already been bitter criticism in certain circles here that the Government has not done something of the sort before now.

The Premier, David Ben Gurion, told the United Press some time ago, "Let us not cross this particular bridge until we come to it."

Indications here were that Mr. Ben Gurion, placed in an unenviable position in which anything he does against the General Assembly's resolution will be considered unfavourable in world opinion, was about to cross the bridge. In a statement to the Press on Saturday night, the Premier declared, "Jerusalem is an independent part of Israel.—No vote in the United Nations can alter this historic fact."—United Press.

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7.30—"Stage and Screen Favourites"—Presented by Aileen Woods.
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9.30—Excerpts from the Operas of Benjamin Britten.
10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15—Weather Report.
10.16—"Grand Hotel"—Albert Sandler and the Palm Court Orchestra with Philip Hattey (Baritone) (BBCTS)
10.45—Glenn Miller and His Orchestra Play some old Favourites and Hildegarde "Sings".
11.15—Weather Report, World and Home News From Britain. (Recorded London Relay)
God Save the King.
11.30—Close Down.

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7.00—Up With The Sun.
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11.00—The Four Knights.
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5.40—Movie Time.
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6.30—Fred Hartley Plays.
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8.00—Harmonica Harmony.
8.15—Sammy Kaye and His Orchestra.
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9.15—Local News.
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9.30—"Free For All"—An audience participation show, presented for members of H. M. Armed Forces conducted by Dai Jenkins & Angus Macleod from the Sailors & Soldiers' Home, Hennessy Road.
10.00—Reminiscing With Binging Sam.
10.15—"The Story of Handel".
11.15—Kathleen Long (Pianist)
11.45—Starlight.
12.00—Close Down.

INDIA TO MAKE LOCOMOTIVES

New Delhi, December 11.

Officials of the Indian Railway Ministry are discussing with four British locomotive manufacture experts a plan for manufacturing locomotives with British help at a State-owned factory at Chittaranjan, West Bengal.

The experts represent a number of British firms connected with locomotive production. Mr. J. D. Vaughan of the Locomotive Manufacturers' Association is the leader of the party.

The Chittaranjan workshops are expected to manufacture 120 locomotives and 50 spare boilers annually.

British technical experts will supervise the lay-out of the factory and train Indian personnel in British workshops.—Associated Press.

ECA GRANTS

Washington, December 11.

The Economic Co-operation Administration approved new spending totalling US$8,827,000.

It included: Italy, US$270,000 for U.S. industrial machinery and pharmaceutical preparations and vegetable fibres as well as industrial commodities from the U.S.; Greece, US$200,000 worth of tin plate from the U.S.; Turkey, US$104,000 worth of U.S. iron and steel mill materials and construction and mining equipment; Austria, US$65,000 worth of non-metallic minerals from Canada.

The transactions bring to US$7,057,090 total funds so far earmarked for Marshall Plan recovery.—Associated Press.

NEPAL MONOPOLY CANCELLED

Patna, December 12.

Every man in Nepal—the tiny Hindu kingdom at the foot of the Himalayas—is now free to sell and purchase cigarettes at his own free will, according to a proclamation issued by the Prime Minister of Nepal.

The proclamation ends the monopoly of the sale of cigarettes, hitherto given to one person in the Kingdom. The monopolist, under the terms of the contract, had to pay annually over 1,000,000 rupees to the Government of Nepal.—Reuter.

PAKISTAN ASKS AID FROM UN

Karachi, December 12.

Pakistan has asked the United Nations for technical advice and financial aid for her national development programmes, it was learned authoritatively here tonight.

A team of United Nations experts will probably visit the Dominion early next year, to survey its economic and industrial potentialities and assess the nature and extent of its requirements.—Reuter.

ECA MEETING

Copenhagen, December 11.

The chiefs of the three Economic Co-operation Administration Missions to the Scandinvian countries will confer here on Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. Milton Katz, deputy to Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan special representative in Europe.

Other senior officials of Mr. Harriman's staff will take part in the discussions, which will "cover problems common to the three Missions and provide an opportunity for general consultation," the ECA Mission here announced.—Reuter.

Beirut, December 11.

Syria's prohibition of the export of wheat to the Lebanon is causing some tension in Beirut. Damascus considers Lebanon had imported enough wheat from Syria for its need.

It is supposed that Syria fears the export of wheat of Palestine from the Lebanon.—Associated Press.

Chinese Art In UK

Hanging pictures at the Adam Galleries in London were the Chinese artist, Ling Su-hua, and her daughter, Siao Ying-chen. Among the Orient's best painters, Ling Su-hua is in private life Madame Chen Yuan, wife of the Chinese representative on the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation. An exhibition of her work will be opened at the Galleries. (Associated Press Photo).

CANTONESE BY RADIO
BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 4

Vocabulary:

19.	(hai) (3)hai	The verb "to be", any tense or number.
20.	(yan) (1)yun	A person. Human beings.
21.	(koh) giw(3)	A piece; the classifier for persons, round things and many other things.
22.	(yau) (2)yau	To have. There is (are). Did. (auxiliary verb).
23.	(mo) (2)moh	Not having. There is (are) not. Did not.

Combinations:

1.	yut(1) gaw(3) (1)yun.	One person.
2.	gaw(3) gaw(3) (1)yun.	Everybody (individually).
3.	(1)yun (1)yun.	Everybdoy (collectively).
4.	(2)yau (1)yun.	Somebody some one.
5.	(2)moh (1)yun.	Nobody, no one.

Examples:

A.	1.	(3)Hai (1)m (3)hai?	Is (was) it?
	2.	(3)Hai.	Yes.
	3.	(3)m (3)hai.	No.
B.	1.	(3)Hai (3)m (3)hai (2)nay?	Is (was) it you?
	2.	(3)Hai (2)ngaw.	It is (was) I.
	3.	(1)M (3)hai (2)ngaw.	It is (was) not I.
C.	1a.	(2)Nay (3)hai (1)yun (1)m (3)hai?	Are you a human being?
	1b.	(2)Nay (3)hai (1)m (3)hai (1)yun?	Are you a human being?
	2.	(2)Ngaw (3)hai (1)yun.	I am a human being.
	3.	(2)Ngaw (1)m (3)hai (1)yun.	I am not a human being.
D.	1.	(2)Yau (2)moh?	Is there any?
	2.	(2)Yau.	Yes.
	3.	(2)moh.	No.
E.	1.	(2)Nay (2)yau (2)moh?	Have you any?
	2.	(2)Ngaw (2)yau.	I have.
	3.	(2)Ngaw (2)moh.	I haven't.
F.	1a.	(2)Yau (1)yun (1)lai (2)moh?	Is there any one coming?
	1b.	(2)Yau (2)moh (1)yun (1)lai?	Is there any one coming?
	2.	(2)Yau (1)yun (1)lai.	There is some one coming.
	3.	(2)Moh (1)yun (1)lai.	There is no one coming.
G.	1a.	(2)Nay (2)yau (1)lai (2)moh?	Did you come?
	1b.	(2)Nay (2)yau (2)moh (1)lai?	Did you come?
	2.	(2)Ngaw (2)yau (1)lai.	I did come.
	3.	(2)Ngaw (2)moh (1)lai.	I didn't come.

STALIN STRATEGY A PUZZLE

New York, December 12

The Washington correspondent of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, Ludwell Denny, reported today that American officials, "in view of the many concessions made to Moscow, did not figure out what Premier Stalin is up to now" in stalling on the Austrian peace treaty.

The speculation ranges from the idea that he hopes to get better terms to the guess that this slowdown on the Austrian treaty at a time when the Western powers thought that an agreement was near is connected with the "big shift of tactics elsewhere in Europe."

Denny added, "Actually this conference collapse is not the calamity treaty the hungry Austrians and frustrated Western negotiators consider it."

He explained that the present draft contains so many concessions to the Soviet Union that it is probably worse than no treaty at all in the near future.

He said the blame rests on Austria for insisting on a treaty at almost any price.—United Press.

LAPSES FROM IDEOLOGY

Duesseldorf, December 12.

Herr Hugo Paul, who was dismissed recently from the Central Committee of the German Communist Party, is believed to have been accused of not having prevented "ideological lapses" by members of the Party.

The German Communist Headquarters said tonight that members of the Central Committee were perturbed over the "ideological state" of the Party. Herr Joseph Leojohn, a member of the North Rhine/Westphalia State Council, has been appointed successor to Herr Paul.—Reuter.

MOSQUE FOR BA

Cairo, December 12.

His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Aly, Heir-apparent to the Egyptian throne, has donated 500 Egyptian Pounds towards the construction of a mosque in Buenos Aires.

The money has been sent to the Egyptian Minister, Mohamed El Said Bey, at Buenos Aires. Moslems in Argentina have been raising funds for the mosque.—Associated Press.

DR. STUART

Washington, December 11.

Officials at the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Maryland, said today that Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, United States Ambassador to China, is slightly improved, but still on the serious list.—United Press.

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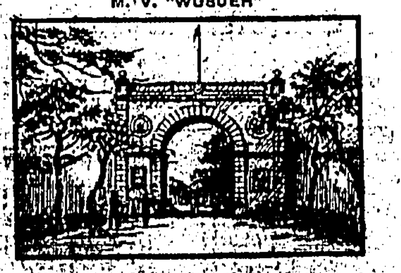

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BUSINESS ACTIVITY HIGHER IN AMERICA

New York, December 11.

Business activity, steady to moderately higher this week, featured a strong upturn in retail sales and sharp rise in building construction.

Reports from key cities from coast to coast indicated the Christmas shopping season is on in earnest. First results were up to expectations in most places.

The consensus is that when the final dollar has been counted on the night before Christmas, the national total will be on a favourable footing with the amount spent in the Yuletide Season last year—a record high.

Home furnishings of all descriptions, television sets and other items that call for sizable sums of money are reported to be moving in excellent volume in most areas. This lent support to the theory that the pattern of spending is finally developing its normal character after uncertainties brought on by the recently concluded industrial strikes.

Steel activity was at the highest point since last May. Engineering construction was the second highest since the war ended and it was the most active week of the year on the New York Stock Exchange.

Unemployment sagged as working forces in various manufacturing plants were enlarged and stores took on the usual army of extra Christmas help. The sustained improvement in the job situation was officially recognised in Washington when Mr. Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labour Statistics, said the general picture looks better to him now than at any time in the past year.

Dark Spot

One dark spot in an otherwise promising employment scene stems from the increasing number of lay-off of railroad workers and others directly affected by the three-day work week in the coal fields.

Freight carloadings picked up a trifle over the previous week but continued to lag far behind a year ago.

Steel mills hummed at the fastest pace since last spring as the industry put on a full head of steam to catch up with orders that piled up during the six-week strike.

Motor car output was far out of line with the busy national industrial scene as moved changeovers and a shortage of steel combined to staff assembly lines.

Wall Street brokers smiled and stuck out their chests as the stock market bubbled with activity that sent sales well above the million share mark daily and fat commissions rolling into their pockets. The market failed to get anywhere, however, due to selling for tax purposes and profit-taking by those who had been in on the recent rise.

The bond market had little to boast about in the way of volume but prices were generally higher. —Associated Press.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

There is more enquiry but rates will have to be improved before business in quantity ensues.

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Money Market

There was a slide in the US dollar yesterday, and the closing rate was only HK$6.37¼ as against the opening rate of $6.41½.

TT was put through from HK$6.47 down to $6.43½.

Sterling was higher at HK$14.07.

Australian pounds opened at HK$12.45 and closed at $12.40.

Piastres were again nominal at HK$13.30 a 100.

Ticals remained unchanged at HK$27 a 100, while NEI Guilders were stronger at HK$22.50 a 100.

PACIFIC TRADE

San Francisco, December 11.

A U.S. Maritime Commission researcher says American President Lines is losing the Pacific trade while competing Pacific Transport and Pacific Far East Lines are gaining.

Mr. Robert C. King, the Commission's Chief of the Trade analysis branch, testified at a Commission hearing on subsidy applications by Pacific Transport and Pacific Far East Lines.

The American President Lines and the States Steamship Company are opposing the applications, alleging that when military cargoes for Japan are ended there will be too many ships.—Associated Press.

Investors Cautious In India

New Delhi, December 11.

India's call for foreign investments has had only slight response thus far, official figures indicated.

"Since the Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, declared India's policy on foreign investment last April, India has received only 49 applications from foreign investors.

Thirty-seven of these, representing a total capital of $3,600,000, have been accepted. The rest are under consideration. Most were from the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

In 1948, foreign investments in Indian industry amounted to $9,000,000. — Associated Press.

European Economic Union

Paris, December 11.

The Foreign, Finance and Supply Ministers of France, Italy and the Benelux countries will probably meet at the end of this month to take the newly-born economic and monetary association between their countries several steps further, according to the French news agency, Agence France Presse, today.

This meeting was advised by the conference of experts which met in Paris from November 29 to December 9 to draft a joint report recommending the creation of an association between the five—but firmly opposing the already popular name of "Fritalux"—and advising on ways and means of achieving it.

The main issue facing the Foreign Ministers will be the principle and timing of admitting Germany into the association.

The Finance and Supply Ministers will deal with the liberalisation of trading conditions between the five countries.

Britain will be kept informed of all these talks Agence France Presse said.—Reuter.

TAIWAN EXPORTS TO AMERICA

Washington, December 11.

Declared exports to the United States from Taiwan during the first half of 1949 amounted to $959,488, the U.S. Commerce Department reported today. Total value of 1948 exports to the United States was $2,726,000.—Associated Press.

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FEDERAL OUTLAY TO INCREASE

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Washington, December 11.

The U.S. Department of Commerce predicted that business activity in the United States will be bolstered by increasingly heavy Federal outlays through the first half of 1950.

A Department analysis said that, in over-spending its income by about five billion dollars, the Government will be adding to income of individuals and corporations and thus stimulating them to respend.

The Department's monthly survey of current business also saw a stimulant to business in backlogs of orders for steel, coal and aluminium—inventories of which dwindled during the recent strikes. It estimated cash outlays by the Government at $56,500,000,000 in the current fiscal year. —Associated Press.

ASIAN LABOUR CONFERENCE

Bombay, December 11.

Mr. David A. Morse, Director-General of the International Labour Organisation, described today the subjects for discussion at the Asian Regional Labour Conference to be held in Ceylon from January 16 to 28. Mr. Morse is in Bombay in connection with the ILO governing body session which is being held in Asia for the first time at Mysore from December 29 to January 7.

The Ceylon conference will consider action on problems of labour inspection, workers' welfare, the condition of agricultural workers' co-operatives and manpower, including technical training.—Associated Press.

Gibraltar, December 11.

Sir Kennath Anderson, Governor of Gibraltar, is leaving Gibraltar by air tomorrow for London for consultations with Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on Gibraltar's financial problems.—Reuter.

U.S. PLANS TO EASE TAXATION

Washington, December 11.

The Truman administration wants to ease U.S. taxes on American business abroad to boost the President's programme for encouraging foreign investment.

Mr. Thomas J. Lynch, Chief Counsel for the U.S. Treasury, listed the following changes in the tax laws which will be proposed to Congress next year:

1. Exempting from U.S. taxes all income earned by an American abroad from the day he establishes foreign residence. Present law requires him to leave this country before January 1 to get an exemption for his first year abroad.

2. Delay imposing U.S. taxes on "foreign income of branches of domestic corporations until it (the income) is returned to the United States." The purpose would be to encourage American firms to reinvest their foreign earnings abroad.

3. Let corporations take into account the "overall result of foreign operations" in figuring credit for foreign taxes paid on profitable operations in another country.

4. Ease the requirement that domestic corporations must own more than a majority of the voting stock of foreign subsidiaries before being allowed a credit for "foreign taxes imposed on their profits when received as dividends."

"The programme outlined," Mr. Lynch said, "will iron out some of the inequities in our present system which have accumulated over the years. We feel these changes will contribute to the effective execution of our foreign policy."—Associated Press.

GERMAN EXPORT FORECAST

Oberhausen, December 11.

Professor Ludwig Erhard, the West German Economics Minister, predicted here today that West German exports will reach a total value of 1,200 million Deutschemarks in 1950.

He told a Christian Democratic Party rally that Western Germany can exist only by working with all its strength for European co-operation. European unity can be achieved only on the basis of free trade, the Minister declared.

Professor Erhard said that he opposes the British Labour Party's type of planned economy as a basis for European co-operation because it would create a "European super-State" with excessive central powers.

He urged Western Germany's re-admission to the international capital market.—Reuter.

JAPANESE STEEL FOR AUSTRALIA

Perth, December 11.

A cargo of 2,083 tons Japanese steel arrived here today in the 7,939-ton freighter, Belasur, of London, the first vessel chartered to bring steel from Japan since the war.—Reuter.

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Arditen (F. Luckenbach (Gourlie) ex-Atlantic Coast.
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Capemanara (Eastern) ex-Korea
Soochow (B. & S) ex-Japan.
Surat (Mac Mac) ex-London
Tjibodak (RIL) ex-Java Ports

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Clotipe (Eastern) for Keelung
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Mandeville (Thoresen) for Haiphong
Platt Park (Caltex) for Manila
Shunyuan (Mac Mac) for Seattle
Tung Keng (Shun Cheong) for Bangkok

TODAY

Chuyuang (Jardine) for Tientsin
Pioneer Tide (USL) for Manila
Shenghkin (B & S) for Keelung

TOMORROW

Java Mail (Everett) for Atlantic Coast
Nuwehwang (B & S) for Tsingtao
Rebeverett (Everett) for Keelung
Trafalgar (Gilman) for Europe

Vessels In Port

A. Eschart (Mollers) ..... B.D
Alvanzsky (Everett) ..... K Bay
Alsian (Channel) ..... S
Albatros (MM) ..... T.D
Armathia (Wallem) ..... K Wht
American Transport (Jardine) A.12
Axel Salen (Mac Mac) A.7
Beverly (Loxley) A.8
Benevuchan (Loxley) ..... K Wh
Bengal (Gilman) A.4
Brown Ranger (NSO) Oil Fuel Jetty
Boat (Larsen) B.17
Changsha (B & S) A.8
Chengking (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Chi Tung (Wallem) ..... Yau.
Chiao Jen (CMSN) ..... S.D.
Chong Ya (Central S S) ..... Yau.
Chunsang (Jardine) B.8
Chung Tung (SSH) B.11
Chung Hsing (Chung Hsing) ..... Yau.
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Colonial (Nolasco) ..... K. Bay
Colon (Colonial) ..... Yau.
Contest (USL) A.4
Cornbank (G Livingston) ..... N.P.
Dah Han (Wallem) ..... S.S.Po
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Dun Yu (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Eastern Trader (HK Shipping) ..... Ymt.
Eastern Venture (Metro) B.18
Elde Maller (Wallem) ..... N.P.
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Foo Ming (E. Hsing) ..... Yau.
Fook Wah (Tien Sung) ..... S.S. Po
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Hai Nu (Hai Ying) ..... Yau.
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Hung Cheng (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Ignali (Wallem) A.10
Islas Vesayas (Wallem) ..... Wys
Japara (RIL) ..... T.D.
Joseph S (Pure Cane) ..... Cosmo
King Hsing ..... Ymt.
Kweiyang (B & S) ..... T.D.
Lee Kung (Dodwell) B.12
Lu Yi (Botra) ..... Yau
Lee Che (Mingsung) ..... Ymt.
Leung Bee (Roland) ..... Yau.
Marie Skou (Gilman) ..... W.D.
Mei Ling (Botra) ..... Yau.
Ming Chung ..... Yau.
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Moguchiy (Wallem) ..... Yau.
Newchwang (B & S) B18
Nikolay (ZAG) A.2
Orion (MM) ..... T.D.
Ocean Pride (HK Ship) ..... S.C.
Pei-Ming (Yee Tai Hong) ..... Yau
Promise (Pattison) B.6
Pronto (Winly Co.) ..... Cosmo
Prosper (Yee Tai Hong) D7
Ramona (Wallem) ..... Shau.
Rosita (S. Pacific) ..... S.C.
San Antonio (Manners) ..... T.D.
San Fernando (Manners) B.21
San Rafael (Manners) ..... Yau.
Sandviken (Wallem) ..... T.D.
Shanai (B & S) B.10
Shenkking (B & S) ..... Coast.
Shiliang (Mac Mac) ..... Kin. Wh.
Sin Soon Lee (Lee Bros.) ..... Yau.
Sui Yuen (E A C) ..... Yau.
Szechuan (B & S) B.15
Tadzh (Haiang S/S) ..... Yau.
Tai Fo Shan (Shun Cheong) ..... S.C.
Teh Hu (Teh Hu SS) ..... S.C.
Tjibesar (RIL) ..... T.D.
Tegelberg (RIL) ..... T.D.
Tomsk (Far East) A.12
Ting Yuan (Ming Sung) ..... S.C.
Tsai Er (CMSN) ..... Yau
Tainan (B & S) ..... T.D.
Valve (T) Tung On ..... Yau.
Valerius (RIL) ..... K.D.
Wah Chang (Tung Tung) ..... Cosmo.
Wosang (Jardine) B.2
Yung Hsing (Cheng Hsing) ..... Yau.
Yung Yao (King Tai) ..... S.C.

Vessels Due From

SOUTH AFRICA

	December
Gujart (Denk)	12
Rura (RIL)	12
Tjikampek (RIL)	12
	January
Tjisadane (RIL)	7

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

	December
Andrea F. Luckenbach (Gourlie)	13
Christel Salen (Mac Mac)	10
Dona Antonia (Rama)	15
Hardie (Mac Mac)	22
Hurricane (Wilcox)	31
Java Mail (Everett)	28
Marchen Maersk (Jebsen)	20
Ocean Mail (Everett)	31
Pioneer Glen (USL)	21
Pres. Buchanan (APL)	12
Pres. Fillmore (APL)	27
Pres. Hayes (APL)	26
Pres. Tyler (APL)	15
	January
Arnold Maersk (Jebsen)	18
Atwell (Wallem)	20
Fairfield (Thoresen)	9
Fairland (Thoresen)	27
Frances Salen (Mac Mac)	24
Helena (Botra)	24
Pres. Tyler (APL)	24
Rangitane (B & S)	18
Pioneer Mail (USL)	28
Tai-hsing Prince (Jardine)	16
Reinholt (Wallem)	20
Sally Maersk (Jebsen)	5
Steel Age (Gilman)	9
Travancore (Rama)	1
Tudor (Dodwell)	25
	February
Belleville (Thoresen)	10
Chinese Prince (Jardine)	4
Fernstream (Thoresen)	28
Steel Worker (Gilman)	1
	March
British Prince (Jardine)	6
Ferndale (Thoresen)	21

PACIFIC COAST

	December
Arizona (Dodwell)	31
Great Republic (USL) ex-Frisco	16
General Gordon (APL) ex-Frisco	23
Montana (Dodwell)	10
Oregon (Dodwell)	21
Philippine Transport (Jardine)	29
Pres. Madison (APL) ex-Frisco	30
Pres. Taft (APL)	21
Pres. Wilson (APL) ex-Frisco	17
Sunnyville (Hank)	22
Tradewind (USL) ex-Frisco	16
	January
America Transport (Jardine)	27
Colorado (Dodwell)	3
Charles E. Dant (Dodwell)	30
Francisville (Hank)	21
China Transport (Jardine)	16
Kookaburra (Wallem)	18
Philippine Bear (USL) ex-Frisco	9
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ex-Frisco	13
Sea Serpent (USL) ex-Frisco	2
Serampore (E.A.)	Mid
Vingnes (Wallem)	20
Wyoming (Dodwell)	16
	February
Pacific Transport (Jardine)	7

AUSTRALIA

	December
Hindustan (Jardine) ex-Adelaide	24
Nanking (Mac Mac) ex-Sydney	28
Taiping (B & S)	14
	January
Balchistan (Jardine	20
Changte (B & S)	4
Glen (Dodwell)	24
Nellore (Mac Mac) ex-Sydney	8

CHINA

	December
Chunsang (Jardine) ex-Tsingtao	20
Shenghkin (B & S) ex-Keelung	18
Wingsang (Jardine ex-Keelung	16
	January
Flying Arrow (Pattison) ex-Taku Bar	9

EUROPE

	December
Bali (Gilman)	16
Benlomond (Loxley)	27
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London	19
Denbighshire (Jardine)	28
Deucalion (B & S)	20
Ridderkerk (RIL)	16
Surat (Mac Mac) ex-London	14
Tranquebar (E.A.)	End
Trafalgar (Thoresen)	15
	January
Astyanax (B & S) ex-U.K.	1
Andre Lebon (M) ex-Marseilles	2
Benlorum (Loxley)	18
Benreoch (Loxley)	24
Benclerith (Loxley)	15
Benvorlich (Loxley)	8
Benvrackie (Loxley)	5
Calchas (B & S) ex-U.K.	18
Carthage (Mac Mac) ex-London	16
Elpenor (B & S) ex-U.K.	2
Epinal (MM)	25
Glenerchy (Jardine)	23
Glenroy (Jardine) ex-U.K.	10
Mongolia (E.A.)	Mid
Somali (Mac Mac) ex-London	14
Sumatra (Gilman)	15
Tomar (Thoresen)	5
Trollus (B & S) ex-U.K.	9
	February
Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London	18
Glenartney (Jardine)	10
Glenorchy (Jardine)	20
Kyermana (E.A.)	End
Morella (E.A.)	End
Nagara (Gilman)	27
Tungus (Thoresen)	10

INDIA

	December
Kutsang (Jardine) ex-Calcutta	24
Sirdhana (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta	21
	January
Pandua (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay	End.
Purnea (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay	2
Shirala (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta	15
Taiwa (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta	12
	February
Towerrange (Mac Mac)	ex-Bombay

JAPAN

	December
Bradeverett (Everett) ex-Yokohama	19
Fengtien (B & S) ex-Osaka	14/15
Ozarda (Mac Mac)	29
Soochow (B & S)	14
Star Arcturus (Everett)	23
Tegelberg (RIL)	27
	January
Ridderkerk (RIL)	1
Ruys (RIL)	5

KOREA

	December
Capemanara (HKE) ex-Korea	14

SOUTH EAST PORTS

	December
Anhui (B & S) ex-Singapore	15
Bradeverett (Everett) ex-Manila	20
Ponchow (B & S) ex-Singapore	15
Hangsang (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	13
Hanyang (B & S) ex-Bangkok	10
Lancerett (Everett) ex-Manila	18
Nordstjernan (Everett) ex-Singa.	20-21
Maud (B & S) ex-Sandakan	20-21
Pioneer Sea (USL) ex-Manila	20
Pioneer Tide (USL) ex-Manila	21
Rebeverett (Everett) ex-Saigon	13
Ruys (RIL) ex-Manila	22
Tjibadak (RIL) ex-Java Ports	14
Tjikampek (RIL) ex-Manila	19
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Java Ports	21
Van Heutsz (RIL) ex-Singapore	13
	January
Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) ex-Manila	2
Pioneer Mail (USL)	24
Pioneer Cove (USL) ex-Manila	9
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ex-Manila	13
Pres. Tyler (APL) ex-Straits	24

SOUTH AMERICA

	December
Rura (RIL)	12
Tjikampek (RIL)	12
	January
Tjisadane (RIL)	7

Sailings To

AMRICA

December	
22 Tegelberg (RIL).	
January	
12 Tjikampek (RIL).	
February	
23 Ruys (RIL).	

AUSTRALIA

December	
16 Soochow (B & S) for Sydney and Melbourne.	
24 Arco (Dodwell).	
January	
3 Changsha (B & S) for Sydney.	
Eqd. Mankin (Mac Mac).	
February	
13 Ulco (Dodwell).	

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

December	
14 Java Mail (Everett).	
18 Kate Maersk (Mac Mac) for New York.	
19 Lone Maersk (Jebsen).	
20 Mandeville (Thoresen).	
21 Pioneer Sea (USL).	
31 Dona Antonia (Rama).	
28 Pres. Fillmore (APL).	
29 Pioneer Isle (USL).	
29 Twin Maersk (Jebsen).	
End. Irisbank (Hank) for New York.	
30 Steel Admiral (Gilman).	
January	
1 Ocean Mail (Everett).	
5 Fernfield (Thoresen).	
12 Pioneer Cove (USL).	
12 Peter Maersk (Jebsen).	
25 Meredith Victory (Gilman).	
26 Pres. Tyler (APL) for New York.	
30 Pioneer Mail (USL).	
February	
1 Queens Victory (Gilman).	
14 Steel Architect (Gilman).	

PACIFIC COAST

December	
17 Montana (Dodwell).	
17 Titania (Dodwell).	
17 Tradewind (USL) for Frisco.	
18 Pres. Wilson (APL) for Frisco.	
20 Great Republic (USL) for Frisco.	
22 Oregon (Dodwell).	
22 Pres. Taft (APL).	
24 General Gordon (APL) for Frisco	
29 Bougainville (Hank) for Frisco.	
30 Philippine Transport (Jardine) via Manila.	
30 Steel Admiral (Gilman).	
31 Pres. Madison (APL) for Frisco.	
January	
1 Arizona (Dodwell).	
16 China Transport (Jardine) via Japan.	
14 Flying Arrow (Pattison) for Frisco.	
5 Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) for Frisco.	
8 Sea Serpent (USL) for Frisco.	
10 Colorado (Dodwell).	
Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Frisco.	
11 Philippine Bear (USL) for Frisco	
25 Meredith Victory (Gilman) for Los Angeles.	
Mid. Serampore (E.A.).	
17 Trafalgar (Dodwell).	
19 Wyoming (Dodwell).	
25 Pres. Tyler (APL) for Los Angeles	
28 American Transport (Jardine).	
29 Sunnyville (Hank) for Los Angeles	
31 Charles E Dant (Dodwell).	
February	
1 Queens Victory (Gilman).	
8 Pacific Transport (Jardine) via Keelung	
14 Steel Architect (Gilman).	

CHINA

December	
13 Shenghkin (B & S) for Keelung.	
14 Rebeverett (Everett) for Keelung	
14 Nuwehwang (B & S) for Tsingtao.	
15 Szechuen (B & S) for Inchon.	
16 Hunan (B & S) for Tientsin.	
19 & 20 Wingsang (Jardine) for Keelung	
20 Shenghkin (B & S) for Keelung.	
20 Chunsang (Jardine) for Tsingtao.	
January	
5 Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) for Shanghai.	

EUROPE

December	
14 Tonghai (Gilman).	
15 Korea (E.A.)	
15 Talisman (Thoresen).	
17 Benevuchan (Loxley) for London.	
16 Soudan (Mac Mac).	
20 Ratinorshire (Jardine) for Port Said.	
28 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.	
24 Tamerlane (Thoresen).	
24 Autolycus (B & S) for Genoa.	
24 Brest (MM).	
30 Benlomond (Loxley).	
January	
Beg. Tranquebar (E.A.).	
2 Andre Lebon (MM).	
8 City of Coventry (Bank) for Havre, Aden.	
4 Glengyle (Jardine) for Aden, Port Said.	
6 Mercutheus (B & S).	
7 Clytoneus (B & S) for Liverpool.	
8 Benvorlich (Loxley) for Antwerp.	
9 Ridderkerk (RIL).	
11 Surat (Mac Mac) for Genoa, London.	
20 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.	
20 Benclerith (Loxley) for London.	
20 Mortain (MM).	
February	
Tomar (Thoresen).	
Beg. Mongolia (E.A.).	
15 CDT. Dorise (MM).	
17 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.	
18 Champollion (MM).	
25 La Marseillee (MM).	
March	
17 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.	
April	
14 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.	
May	
12 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.	

INDIA

December	
16 Soudan (Mac Mac) for Colombo.	
31 Ozarda (Mac Mac) for Bombay.	
January	
21 Shirala (Mac Mac) for Calcutta.	

JAPAN

December	
15 Changsha (B & S) for Yokohama.	
15 Tegelberg (RIL).	
17 Talping (B & S) for Kure.	
20 Hanyang (B & S) for Yokohama.	
18 Hall (Gilman) for Kobe and Yokohama.	
18 Pres. Wilson (PAL) for Kobe.	
20 Ponchow (B & S) for Yokohama.	
20 Ridderkerk (RIL).	
23 Siedhana (Mac Mac).	
23 Nordstjernan (Everett).	
26 Ruys (RIL).	
29 Hindustan (Jardine).	
January	
5 Purnea (Mac Mac).	
7 Chiharfa (B & S) for Kure.	
9 Tjisadane (RIL).	
14 Talwa (Mac Mac).	
February	
Early Baluchistan (Jardine).	

SOUTH EAST PORTS

December	
13 Pioneer Tide (USL) for Manila.	
15 Hai Lee (Thoresen) for Singapore.	
16 Tjibadak (RIL) for Java Ports.	
17 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.	
17 Lancerett (Everett) for Singapore.	
17 Fengtien (B & S) for Singapore.	
19 Anhui (B & S) for Singapore.	
20 Pres. Tyler (APL) for Java.	
19 Orion (MM) for Haiphong.	
21 Bradeverett (Everett) for Manila.	
22 Hainanhe (Jardine) for Sandakan.	
22 Pioneer Cove (USL) for Manila.	
23 Sunnyville (Hank) for Singapore.	
23 Star Arcturus (Everett) for Manila.	
23 Hiram (Thoresen) for Bangkok.	
24 Pakhoi (B & S) for Bangkok.	
22 Tegelberg (RIL) for Manila.	
31 Bradeverett (Everett) for Singapore.	
January	
1 Hai Mong (Thoresen) for Singapore.	
2 Hinsang (Jardine) for Singapore.	
5 Tjitjalengka (RIL) for Java Ports.	
& Singapore.	
9 Steel Age (Gilman) for Saigon.	
14 Pioneer Mail (USL) for Manila.	
24 Tjikampek (RIL) for Manila.	
February	
23 Ruys (RIL) for Manila.	

SOUTH AMERICA

December	
28 Tegelberg (RIL).	
January	
12 Tjikampek (RIL).	
23 Ruys (RIL).	

ROUND THE WORLD

December	
10 Pres. Buchanan (APL).	
12/3 Pres. Harding (APL).	

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon, Haiphong) 3.15 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa) 12.45 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila) 2 p.m.
POAS ex-Bangkok) 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh) 3.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore) 4 p.m.; ex-London, Bangkok) 4.40 p.m.

TOMORROW

CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok) 8 a.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila) 1.45 p.m.; ex-Bangkok) 2.15 p.m.
CPAL ex-Vancouver, Tokyo) 7 a.m.
HRAATHENE ex-Oslo, Bangkok) 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh) 3.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m.

THURSDAY

CPA ex-Manila) 11.30 a.m.; ex-Saigon) 5.45 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa) 1.45 p.m.
BOAC ex-Tokyo) 1.50 p.m.; ex-Singapore) 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh) 4.15 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok) 7.15 a.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London) 2.30 p.m.
BOAC for London via Bangkok) 7 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh) 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE for Haiphong, Saigon) 8.30 a.m.
CPA for Saigon) 11.35 a.m.; Manila 3.30 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu) 6.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu) 4.30 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu) 10 a.m.
POAS for Singapore via Bangkok) 7.15 a.m.
BOAC for Tokyo) 6.30 a.m.; for Singapore) 9 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh) 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

THURSDAY

PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London) 2.15 p.m.
CPAL for Tokyo/Vancouver) 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh) 9 a.m.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

AIR MAIL DELAYED

The Inward Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Monday, December 12, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Tuesday, December 13, 1949.

The Inward Airmail from Singapore, scheduled to arrive on Sunday, December 11, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Tuesday, December 13, 1949.

Outward Mails

XMAS LETTER MAIL BY AIR

Xmas letter mail by air for United Kingdom will close on Thursday, December 15, 1949.

GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Kowloon CPO: (Reg.) 3.30 p.m. (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.

This mail is expected to arrive in London on Monday, December 19, 1949.

Unregistered Letters only for Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Tientsin and North China can be accepted at senders risk, and will be forwarded as opportunity offers.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. It usually close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Air Parcels Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Singapore, Batavia, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Haiphong and Saigon, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 10 a.m.
Yuenkong, 1 p.m.
USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco, (No Parcels for Canada) (Fav. and Reg.) 12 noon, (Ord.) 1 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi via Hoihow, 3 p.m.
Haiphong, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 10 a.m. (Ord.) 11 a.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila and Parcels only for Marseilles, 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Canada and USA, (Reg.) 10 a.m. (Ord.) 11 a.m.
Airmail for Okinawa and Tokyo, (Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Hasro, Cairo, (Mairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, Kowloon CPO (Reg.) 3.30 p.m. (Ord.) 4.30 p.m. GPO (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver HG, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Korea via Inchon, 3 p.m.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The ss. Pioneer Tide (USL) is due to arrive here at 8 a.m. today. She will be moored to Buoy A.17 for discharging/loading of her cargo.

The vessel is expected to sail for Manila at 6 p.m. today.

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s.s. "WINGSANG"	Keelung	30th Dec.
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ARRIVALS FROM

s.s. "HANGSANG"	Sandakan	15th Dec.
s.s. "WINGSANG"	Keelung	18th Dec.
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Due London 5th February.

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Loads 4th/7th January for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Port Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
Due London 14th February.

(Carrier's option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge)

ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS

	Leaves London	due Hong Kong
m.v. "DENBIGHSHIRE"	Sailed	28th Dec.
m.v. "GLENROY"	Sailed	10th Jan.
m.v. "GLENORCHY"	23rd Dec.	28th Jan.
m.v. "GLENARTNEY"	5th Jan.	10th Feb.
m.v. "GLENEARN"	21st Jan.	28th Feb.

All outward vessels accept cargo for Japan Ports

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ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC PORTS

	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Due H.K
m.v. "JAVANESE PRINCE"	Sailed	23rd Dec.	10th Jan
m.v. "CHINESE PRINCE"	24th Dec.	10th Jan.	4th Feb.
s.s. "BRITISH PRINCE"	25th Jan.	9th Feb.	6th Mar.

Load for HALIFAX, BOSTON & NEW YORK via Japan, Philippines, Java, Malaya, Colombo & Suez.

All above sailings & arrivals are subject to alteration without notice. All intending Passengers are requested to register their names as far as possible in advance of the time at which they wish to leave.

PACIFIC TRANSPORT LINES

ARRIVALS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Ship	Sails S.F.	Due H.K
s.s. "PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT"	Sailed	30th. Dec.
s.s. "CHINA TRANSPORT"	28rd Dec.	16th Jan.
s.s. "AMERICA TRANSPORT"	8th Jan.	27th Jan.
s.s. "PACIFIC TRANSPORT"	14th Jan.	7th Feb.

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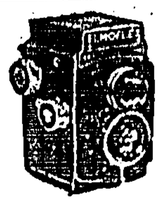

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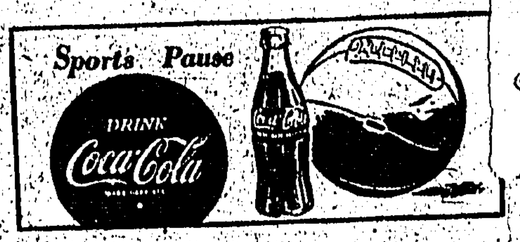

ENGLISH FOOTBALL FORM FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS

With the English Association football season nearing the half way stage it is opportune to review the progress of the leading clubs. On the whole, form has borne out conclusions reached last April and May.

Portsmouth, League champions, Wolverhampton, Football Association Cup holders, Manchester United, the most consistent first-class side since the war, Sunderland, brilliant but erratic, Arsenal, the ever reliable, and Newcastle United, who delight and disappoint their followers in turn, are where one expected to find them after three months—in the top flight.

The one mystery has been the failure of the well equipped Derby side to justify the high expectations, not only of their supporters but of most football followers.

The club possess some splendid talent, including Scotland's dazzling forward Steel, Morris, his inside forward colleague on the right wing, and such outstanding players as Leuty, England's deputy centre half, Mozley, England's right back and Howe, another international.

But Derby's inability to score freely away from home, and a succession of surprising defeats on their own ground, have proved once again that a team generally regarded as possible champions do not necessarily fulfill the hopes of their supporters in that long, exacting, unpredictable race which is English League football.

It is a race in which stamina, determination and sustained ability play an equal part. A good start is not a guarantee of success, and those who stumble at the first two or three hurdles often recover to overtake more fancied aspirants and share in the customary exciting finish for honours. Arsenal offer a typical example this season of a club overcoming early adversity.

There was much anxious shaking of heads and not a little secret satisfaction among jealous rivals when the famous London club, by September 3, had lost three successive home matches and suffered another defeat away from home. Mr. Tom Whittaker, Arsenal's manager, was not alarmed. He had confidence in the ability of his players. He put the ever reliable Lewis at inside right, introduced Goring at centre forward —and these two players scored 19 goals between them in the next nine matches none of which Arsenal lost.

The biggest test came when Arsenal met Blackpool who had also has a long run without defeat and could boast a virtually impregnable defence. Arsenal were not awed. The clash attracted 65,000 people and Blackpool returned to the North defeated, leaving Arsenal well placed to continue striving to win the championship.

Chief Contenders

Chief contenders are Wolverhampton, Liverpool Manchester United, the Arsenal, Portsmouth, Burnley and Blackpool, with Sunderland and Newcastle possible late challengers as both these teams like the heavier grounds that winter brings.

Wolverhampton, leaders for may weeks, and the favourites. They have effectively blended youth with experience and are well endowed with young, promising players.

At a celebration of their Cup triumph last May their captain, England wing half Billy Wright, forecast a strong bid for the League championship by his team.

A sequence of 12 matches without defeat supported to a reviving Manchester United.

Many favour the chances of Liverpool, who avoided defeat longer than any other of the 88 League clubs. Liverpool have a compact, forceful team, reliable in defence and possessing more powerful physique than the majority of their opponents. Steady rather than brilliant, Liverpool are formidable foes with great faith in their ability and team spirit.

Manchester United are not the irresistible force of two years ago, but manager Matt Busby, has built well in providing for the replacements that are inevitable in a game that is an unrelenting test of physique and skill. There is not a more enthusiastic side in England, and Manchester must be included in the championship reckoning with a fair chance of success.

Portsmouth, without being the all conquering force of last season, have not given up hope of retaining the title they so worthily won in 1948-49. Few teams are more difficult to beat.

Promoted Teams

Burnley, although blessed with a solid defence lack the fieriness and resource in attack to be regarded as menace to the leaders.

Sunderland are hopeful that the speed and craft of Broadis and Shackleton, two of the finest inside forwards in the game, will enable them to make a belated challenge.

Last season's promoted clubs, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham, have pleased their supporters by maintaining a safe position, but the same cannot be said of Huddersfield and Middlesbrough.

Both narrowly avoided descent into Division Two on the last day of last season, and they have not shown signs of mending their ways.

The two who dropped into the Second Division last May, Preston North End and Sheffield United, are having mixed fortunes in their new company. Both are finding difficulty in adapting their style to more robust methods and feel the need of replenishments which are not easy to get.

Preston, however, are generally acknowledged one of the best four teams in this division. Twice in London they have won recognition as a side of First Division class.

Tottenham Hotspur, who are strongly placed, Sheffield Wednesday, both former First Division clubs, and Preston are considered the three most promising candidates for promotion to their acknowledged sphere.

BRITISH LTA COACHING COURSE

London, December 11.

Determined to raise the standard of British lawn tennis and with an eye on the international field, the English Lawn Tennis Association will start the New Year with the first course for promising youngsters at their new training school in Sussex.

Young players likely to reach International standard have been invited to attend a special training school at the Southdean Sports Club, Middle-on-Sea, near Bognor Regis, Sussex during the first week in January.

In the past year, the LTA's training committee have scoured the country in their efforts to find young players of class.

As a result 16 boys and seven girls will have the opportunity of getting a week of intensive training and coaching under the supervision of Britain's leading professional coach, Dan Maskell.

The object of the school is not only to give youngsters extensive instruction but also to select the most promising for further and advanced coaching throughout 1950.

Expenses will be met by the Lawn Tennis Association, including railway fares from the pupils' homes to Bognor Regis. Hotel accommodation will also be provided.

Acknowledged as Britain's foremost coach, Maskell, who will have two assistants, has a busy week ahead of him.

Working days for the pupils will begin at eight o'clock in the morning and end at six o'clock at night. Also some evenings will be devoted to instructional films.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVIA FOR WORLD CUP

Florence, December 11.

Yugoslavia beat France 3-2 here today to qualify for the final series of the World Soccer Championships in Brazil next summer.

The teams met on neutral ground as their home and away matches had been drawn.

The sides were still level after 90 minutes of play today. Yugoslavia scored the winning goal in the second half of extra time.—Reuter.

Excellent Golf In Club Championship

The main golfing event of the week-end was the Final of the Club Championship which was played at Fanling on Sunday over 36 holes on the Old Course.

It was noteworthy because of the excellent golf produced by the players concerned and the complete absence of a single spectator.

It is indeed surprising and also disappointing to find such a lack of interest amongst golfing enthusiasts when one could be reasonably sure of witnessing play of a good standard.

Surprising because there are few opportunities of watching good golf in Hong Kong. Disappointing because the two finalists were worthy of interest and support from their fellow members.

G.G.D. Carter is to be congratulated on retaining his title by defeating A.E. Lissaman five and four only after giving a very workmanlike display of golf which we rather expect from a player of his calibre.

Lissaman, playing in his last Championship in Hong Kong, must also be congratulated on the magnificent fight he put up knowing all the time what a tough opponent he was up against.

Carter was round in 73 in the morning when he held a lead of four holes, Lissaman's score being 77 for the first 36 holes.

Both players were out in 38 in the afternoon and Carter eventually finished the match off at the 32nd hole.

Another feature of the day was when the new Captain, F.D. Hunter, played himself in off the 1st tee at 1 o'clock before a large gallery of members. Fire crackers were set off at the appropriate time (just on his downward swing!) and under the circumstances he made an excellent drive. The successful caddy came stampeding back with the ball and was duly presented with $10 by the Captain in the customary manner.

The Stapleford Competition resulted in a win for Mr. K.S. Kinghorn (Handicap 4) whose card of 70 net scored 39 points.

Competitors are again reminded that for this competition ¾ths of handicap is taken and the scoring is as follows:

One over Bogey	1 Point
Bogey	2 points
One under Bogey	3 points
Two under Bogey	4 points
Three under Bogey	5 points

Competitors are requested to mark their cards correctly in future, noting the above information.

Baseball Clubs In Transfer Talks

New York, December 10.

Big deals for big leaguers was the theme tonight as club owners moved in for the annual mid-winter meeting at which they also will make some significant changes in the playing rules.

Stymied because no one was willing to "give up a row boat for a battleship" in the week-long minor league sessions in Baltimore, the club owners are likely to get together here on a more realistic footing.

As has often been the case in the past the minor leagues form a preliminary battleground for sparring and although there is much talk there is usually little action. Now together officially for the last time until they meet in spring training centres, the club owners probably will get down to business.

As it looked now, the clubs most likely to do business with each other were the New York Giants and Pittsburgh Pirates, the New York Yankees and Washington Senators, possibly the Detroit Tigers joining the Yankees and Senators in a three-cornered deal, the St. Louis Browns and Cleveland Indians and the Cincinnati Reds and Brooklyn Dodgers.

Various combination of player names have been talked about, as he magnates stalk around the hotel lobbies and cocktail bars or rather in smoke-filled rooms.

From this, it has been learned who they are most likely to trade but not necessarily for whom.

The Yankees have some very good reserve men from whom manager Casey Stengel calls "the best bench in baseball" and have been trying to interest both the Senators and Tigers in outfielder Johnny Lindell, second baseman George Stirnweiss, third baseman Billy Johnson and one of their host of fair catchers, probably Ralph Houk or Connie Niarhos.

Ray Scarborough

In turn, the Yankees want pitcher Ray Scarborough of Washington—as who does not—and might take a chance on consistently disappointing the $62,000 bonus player, Dick Wakefield, of the Tigers, a guy who has a million dollar potential and a 25-cent ambition.

The Giants, who may have given up trying to pry shortstop Alvin Dark from the Braves, now were concentrating on a deal with the Pirates in which shortstop Buddy Kerr would go to Pittsburgh for shortstop Stan Rojek, Willard Marshall, Giant outfielder, and Wally Westlake, Pirate outfielder, were also on the block.

The Dodgers have been trying for a month to get a pitcher from Cincinnati and with the proper offer might pick up Howie Fox, Herman Wehmeir or even veteran Ken Raffensberger.

The Reds want pitcher Ralph Branca in return for any one of them and if not that may be a hard-hitting outfielder like Gene Hermanski.

The Browns still are seeking fancy prices for infielders Bob Dillinger and Jerry Priddy, and the Red Sox and Yankees have been negotiating with them.—United Press.

HK HUNT AT LO WU

By kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Major W. K. Hedley, MBE, the Officers of the Queen's Own 4th Hussars (Mr. Winston Churchill's old regiment) were hosts to the Hong Kong Hunt on Sunday.

The Hunt had an enjoyable run through the hills and valleys of the Lo Wu country over a trail very capably laid by Captain Young of the Hussars. The horn was carried by "Buffy" Mainland, one of the best men in China over country. He kept his field well together and casualties were few although the going was in places rough and the pace fast.

The field swept into a cracking finish at Dill's corner, led by Zyrianoff and Maitland in that order. Zyrianoff was the youngest horseman out and his performance was very creditable. Mrs. Christobel Cayford, the only Lady rider, was well to the fore on her mare "Hop Yick," others present were Colonel Spears, Majors Mann and Sayle; Captains Young, Bidie, Martin, Porter and Alton-Nagle; Lieutenants Anson, Barker and Gilhead; Corporal Hawes and Trooper Wilmington; Messrs Calderera, Grieve, Maitland, Terry, Nelson and O'Neill.

The riders later adjourned to the Hussars' Officers mess, where they were greeted with traditional Hussar hospitality by Major Hedley and his fellow officers.

The next hunt will be on Sunday, December 18 and will start from Mollers', (formerly Stanton's) stables at 11.30 a.m. It is hoped that there will be a good turn-out for this and for the "Christmas Hunt" which will be held on Boxing Day.

PRO FOOTBALL

New York, December 11.

The Cleveland Browns won the America Professional Football Conference championship for the fourth straight year today and the Los Angeles Rams won the National League Western title.

Cleveland beat the San Francisco Fortyniners 21 to 7. Los Angeles walloped the Washington Redskins 53 to 27.

The Rams will play the Philadelphia Eagles, defending champions and Eastern title winners, for the championship next Sunday.—Associated Press.

ICE HOCKEY WIN FOR SWEDEN

Stockholm, December 11.

Sweden's national ice hockey team defeated the Czech world champions 5-0 today.

Period scores were 2-0, 1-0, 2-0.—Associated Press.

WORLD'S POLO CHAMPIONS

Buenos Aires, December 11.

Argentina won the world's polo championship today defeating the United States' Meadowbrook team by 11 goals to five.

President and Senora Peron and senior officials saw the match.—United Press.

DENMARK BEATS HOLLAND

Amsterdam, December 11.

Denmark beat Holland by one goal to nil in a soccer international here today.

A crowd of 65,000 saw Lyngsoe, the Danish outside left, score the winning goal 11 minutes after the interval.—Reuter.

GOAL ROBBERS BECOME PROBLEM IN FOOTBALL

London, December 11.

"Goal robbers," the men who save a certain goal by using their hands with the goalkeeper beaten, are becoming more numerous.

Indeed, they have caused many to ask what the penalty should be for such an action.

As things stand at present, all the referee can do is to order a penalty kick, which may either miss its mark or be saved by the goalkeeper.

For many years now there have been those advocating that the referee should be empowered to award a goal under certain circumstances of which the foregoing would certainly be one.

Many a defender in a tight corner, knowing full well that, unless he transgresses the rules, a goal is certain automatically commits the necessary foul.

He is certainly no worse off if a goal is, in any case, scored and he may be the means of saving the game.

If such action results in a win for his side then he may tell his team-mates that his action earned them £1 each, the bonus difference between a win and a draw.

Trying Honesty Too Far

If it results in his side drawing then his colleagues, and of course himself, get £1 each instead of nothing.

What would you do? It is easy to say: "Play to the rules." But put yourself in a similar situation and think again. Properly, footballers should not be put in such a predicament.

It is rather like leaving money about and not expecting anyone to lift it. Honesty can be tried too far.

One day, perhaps, the power will be given to the referee as it is in Rugby football.

By no means everyone realises that a referee can award a try for obstruction, because it so very rarely happens.

Much Backing

Is that not because the players know what will happen if they do transgress the rules?

If such a rule were introduced into the soccer game, many would be very pleased, for the "goal-robbers" would soon disappear.

A very long time ago, back in 1866, a rule was proposed by a member of the Football Association that the referee should be empowered to award a goal if, in his opinion, a goal would have been otherwise scored but for a foul by the defenders.

The proposal was thrown out but it can be said to have led to the introduction of the penalty kick, which was first introduced in 1891.—Reuter.

Swedes Win Second Game In Rangoon

Rangoon, December 11.

A combined Burma XI was beaten for the second time by Sweden's Helsingborg Football Club today.

An all-time record crowd saw Helsingborg win 4-2 after leading 2-1 at half time.—Associated Press.

CHANGES IN BALL RULES

New York, December 10.

The "football block" at second base will become a thing of the past in Major League baseball next season simply by invoking the old rules prohibiting it, the Major League Rules Committee will decree next week.

The seven-man committee, which has been recodifying the baseball rules making them more simple to understand and interpret also, will make several changes for the leagues to vote upon jointly at their three-day executive sessions.

But the most important item of business is putting a penalty on interference. That will be done simply by instructing umpires to enforce a rule which makes a double play mandatory whenever a baserunner obviously goes out of his way to interfere with a fielder attempting to complete a double play. The player will be called out and so will the other at bat team's man involved in the action, regardless of whether the fielder completes the throw.

Also of importance is a project recommended by Commissioner A.B. Chandler whereby lights will be turned on to complete any afternoon game threatened by darkness. The American Association, in an unprecedented move, voted this rule into effect last week with only a limit on the time of the game, the 12.50 p.m. standard curfew.

Although it probably will come up for only unofficial discussion, Ford Frick of the National League has been campaigning actively for a return of the outlawed spit ball as a break to old pitchers and to help the defensive side of the game.—United Press.

General Chang Chun Arrives In Colony

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General Chang who was previously reported to have been detailed by the General Li Han, did not use the word "detained" during his conversation with the reporters. He said that when he was staying in General Lu's private residence there was no sign of a detention. He further denied that he was released by General Lu on an understanding that if he was not released the Nationalist Air Force would bomb Kunming.

"Quite a lot of excitement took place in Kunming on Sunday morning prior to my departure," he said. "The air raid alarm was sounded on Sunday morning and everyone thought that the Nationalist Air Force was going to bomb Kunming."

Asked whether Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is preparing to resume his presidency, the well known Szechuan politician said that he saw the Generalissimo in Chengtu on December 9 and it seemed the Generalissimo is determined not to resume his Presidency.

Chiang's Intentions

"However," Chang said, "every quarter in the Nationalist Government thinks that the Generalissimo should resume his post as China's President.

"Even Acting-President Li Tsung-jen had openly said once that if peace negotiations with the Chinese Communists failed, the Generalissimo should resume his Presidency."

One reporter asked General Chang what he thinks of China's future to which the reply was that at present although the Nationalists are being badly beaten in the civil war, there is still hope of the Nationalists overthrowing the Reds.

General Chang was accompanied by four of his aides. He was met at the Kai Tak Airport by Major-General Claire Lee Chennault, head of the Civil Air Transport.

Apart from General Chennault nobody was at the airport welcoming General Chang.

Besides General Chang's party 27 other Chinese arrived on the TAA aircraft. They include a handful of the last remnant of CAT staff in Kunming.

Labour In Japan Restive

Tokyo, December 12.

A political and labour offensive against the Yoshida government highlighted by hunger strikes from Hiroshima to Tokyo spread throughout Japan today.

An immediate demand by railway workers of the government-operated roads was for a year end bonus which the National Railways Corporation so far refused to grant.

About 35 railway workers in various parts of Japan have been on a hunger strike for some 82 hours.

In Osaka, a chapter of the Japan Teachers' Union joined the Osaka Government Workers Union in a decision to hold a sitdown strike in the Board of Education offices. They were demanding wage increases.

Japan's seamen's Union set December 15 as the deadline for their wage hike demands and announced it would either launch a strike or refuse overtime work after that date.

Joint Programme

On the following day members of the Private Railway Worker's Union will join workers of the government-operated roads in a joint strike programme.

A general strike by the Japan Express Workers Union's is expected to be set for December 21.

Meanwhile the Socialist Party, sparked by a "down with the Yoshida Cabinet" union rally in Osaka, made a bid for leadership of the restive labour elements which is lost to the Communists on last January's election. Since then the violent Communist tactics and the firm occupation opposition lost them a large portion of Japanese labour support.—United Press.

BRITISH CYCLIST FAILS

Zurich, December 11.

Reg Harris, of Manchester, the world professional sprint cycling champion, finished fourth in the third qualifying race for the European indoor sprint championships here.

The Dutch ace, Arie Van Vliet, won the event and consolidated his lead in aggregate points with 22 points.

Harris tied for second place in the aggregate with Jan Derkson of Holland, who was third in today's each having 17 points.

The Italian Astolfi, moved into sixth place with 10 points after finishing second behind Van Vliet.

Switzerland's Oscar Plattner and Belgium's Jan Scherens, with 15 points each, stand equal fourth.

The fourth and final race for the championship will be held in Ghent on Christmas Day.

Van Vliet also beat the world's kilometres record for covered tracks by 2/10ths of a second. His time was 1 min, 9.4 seconds.—Reuter.

Gunmen Enter Soekarno's Residence

Batavia, December 12.

Nine masked gunmen entered the private residence in Batavia of the Indonesian Republican President, Dr. I. H. Soekarno, early this morning and demanded to know the whereabouts of a man unknown to the caretakers of the house.

When told that the person they wanted was not in the house the gunmen left, according to a statement made to the police by the caretakers. It was reported that the gunmen included eight Indonesians in Army uniform and one European civilian.

They carried revolvers and Sten guns.

The police and military authorities were investigating the incident, which was also the subject of an official enquiry by the Republican Defence Minister, who arrived today in Batavia from Jogjakarta, the capital.

Indonesian political circles suggested unofficially that the gunmen may have been a political gang seeking to harm high Republican Army officers who occupied houses near the residence of President Soekarno.—Reuter.

Villemain Vows To Win Title

New York, December 11.

Robert Villemain, French middleweight, vowed today that he will not return to his native land until he can take back the title that France lost when Marcel Cerdan died in an air crash.

Villemain on Friday won a unanimous non-title decision over the world middleweight champion, Jake Lamotta.

Villemain was at the International Airport to say au revoir to his wife who boarded an Air France plane en route to spend Christmas holidays with her family at Montreuil, France.

The message he gave to their friends was: "I will not return to France until I win the title for her."

Villemain, referring to his previous fight with Lamotta in which the champion was awarded an unpopular decision, told newsmen, "I beat him in that bout and again last Friday. I know I can beat him for the title. I want to win back the championship which the loss of Cerdan cost my country."

The French middleweight's manager, Jean Bretonnel, who was also at the airport, said he had a meeting arranged on Tuesday with Eddie Egan, Chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission, to discuss a championship fight.

Villemain, who still has a bruised nose and left eye as souvenirs from last Friday's bout, hopes to meet Lamotta for the title in February or March.

Bretonnel, however, said that his fighter needs a brief rest and suggested April or May for a encounter with Lamotta.

Madame Villemain plans to return to the United States for the New Year.

LaMotta is also to confer tomorrow with Mr. Jim Norris, the President of the International Boxing Club, on the question of terms.

"I will defend my title anytime Mr. Norris says the word," said the champion said.—United Press and Reuter.

MASSIP WINS PAKISTAN TITLE

Lahore, December 11.

Pedro Massip, top-ranking Spanish player, today won the men's singles title in the Pakistan lawn tennis championships here.

Mrs. Heraldo Weiss, of Argentina, took the women's singles event.—Reuter.

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